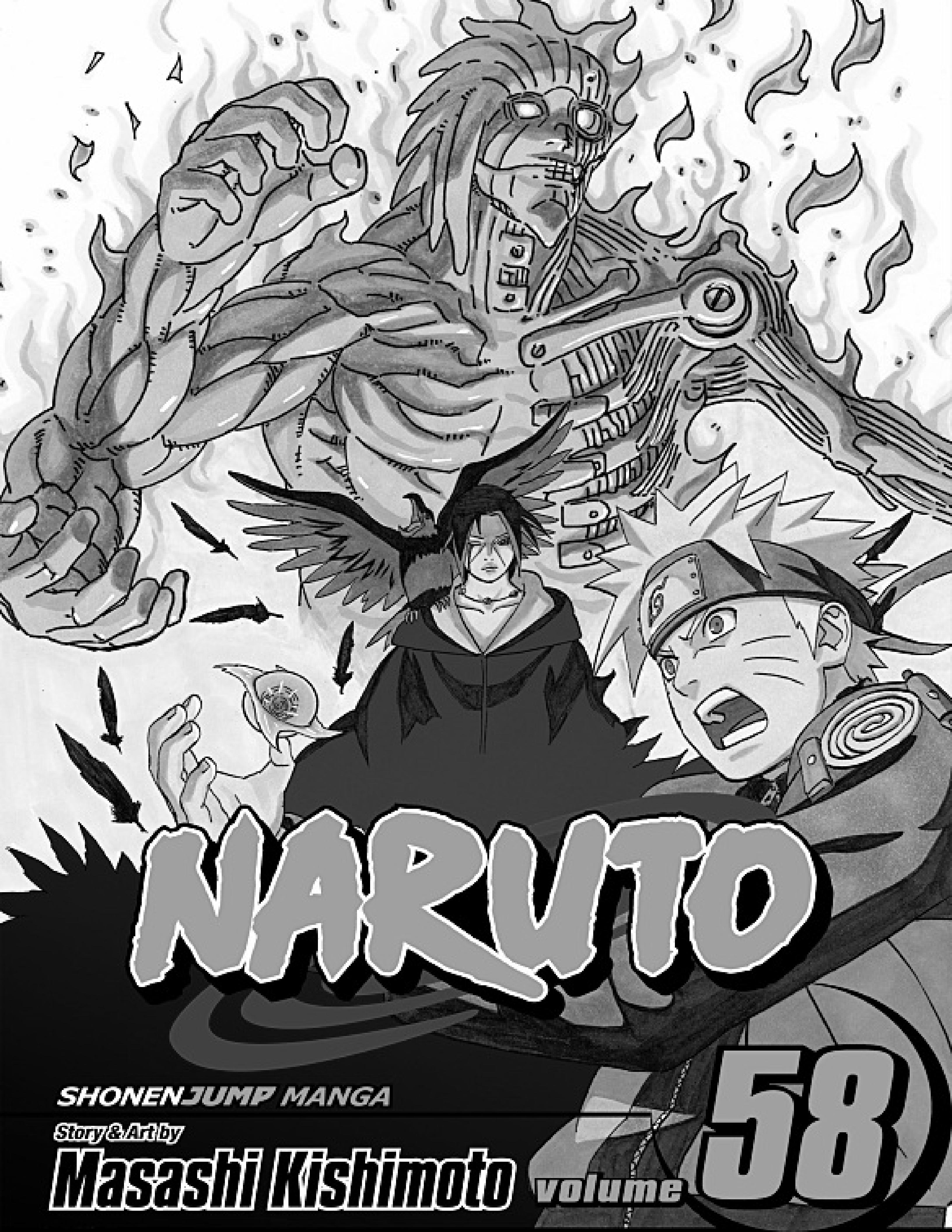
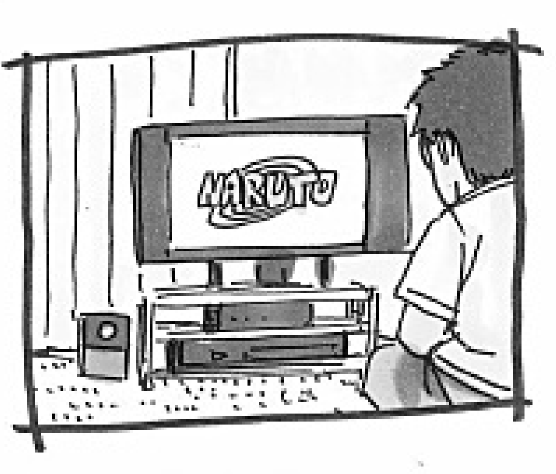
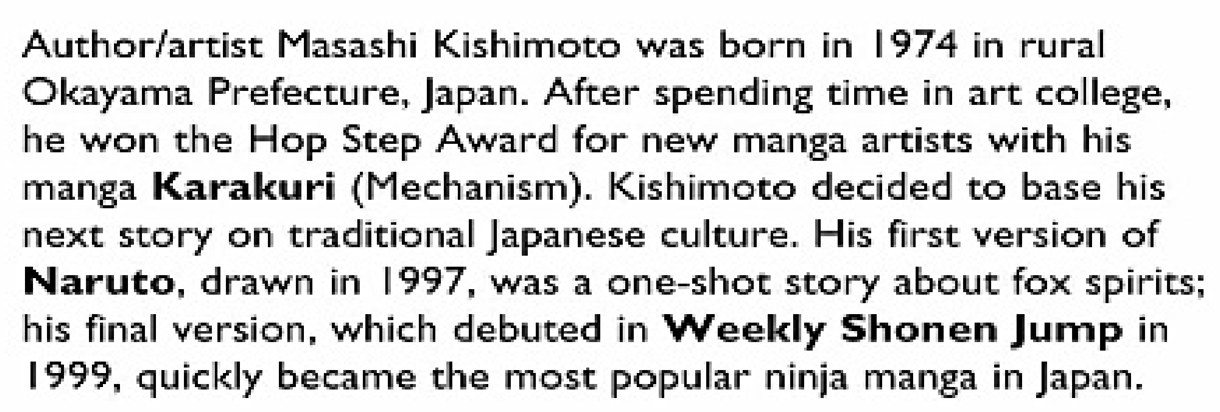

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Thanks to everyone's support, the *Naruto* anime will also celebrate its tenth anniversary next year. I am eternally indebted to everyone on the animation staff! And I also have nothing but words of gratitude to all you readers who have continuously supported *Naruto!* ...No, really, I'm dead serious!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011



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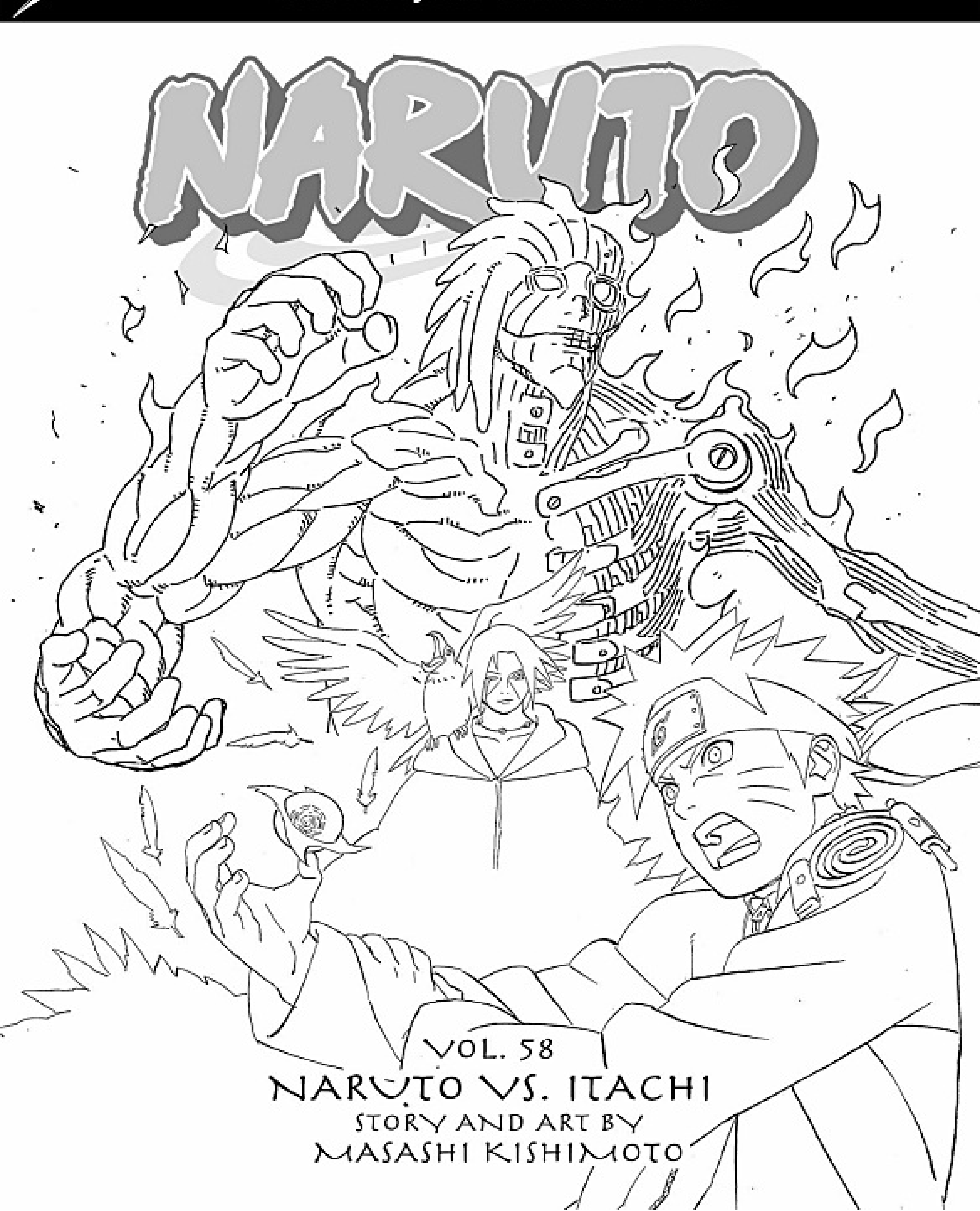


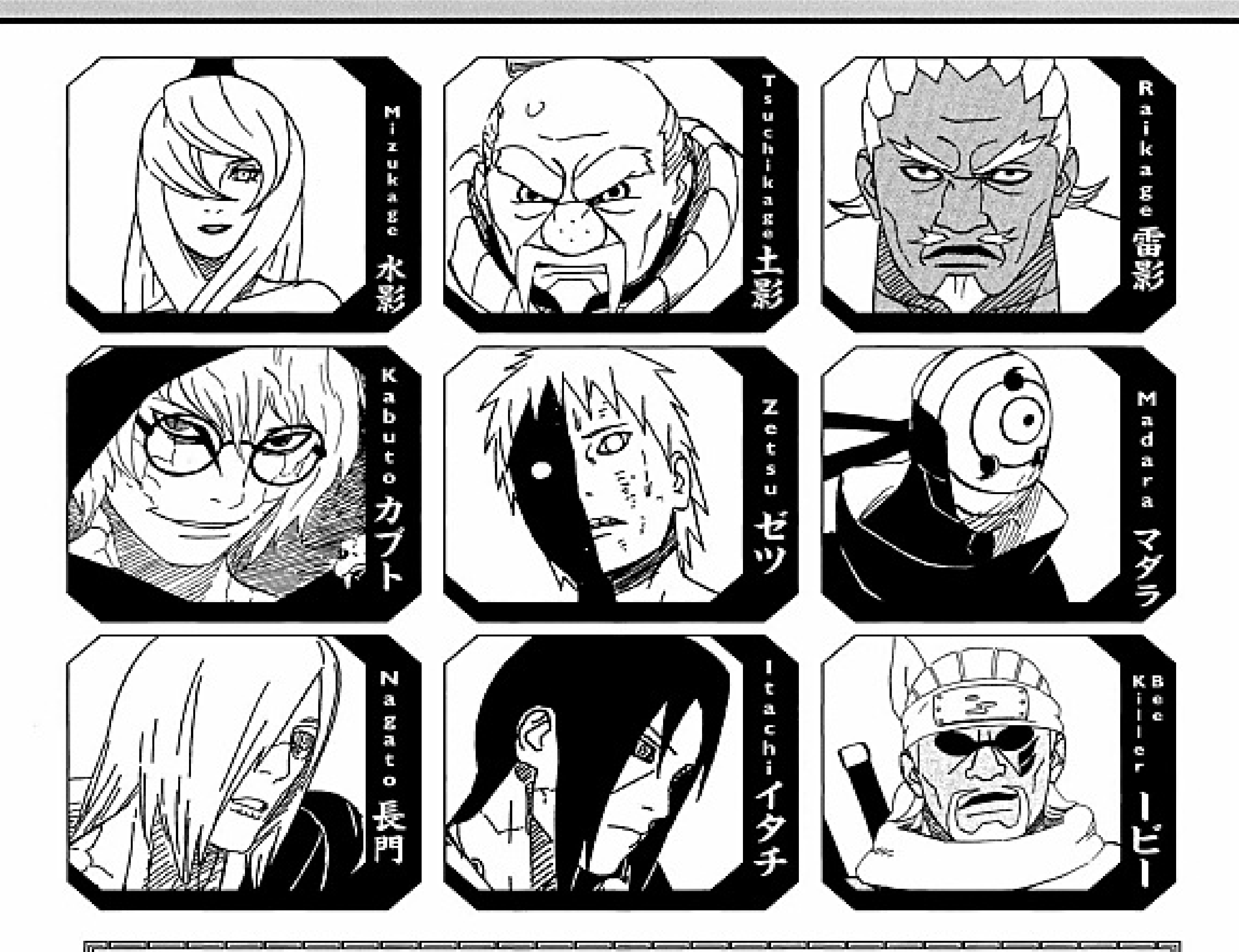


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THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek out power from the renegade ninja Orochimaru.

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, the Five Kage put together an Allied Shinobi Force. The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. After Naruto learns that the war was launched with him as the target, he and Bee break out of the training grounds. They then dissuade Tsunade and Raikage, who had come to stop them, and rush towards the battlefield!!

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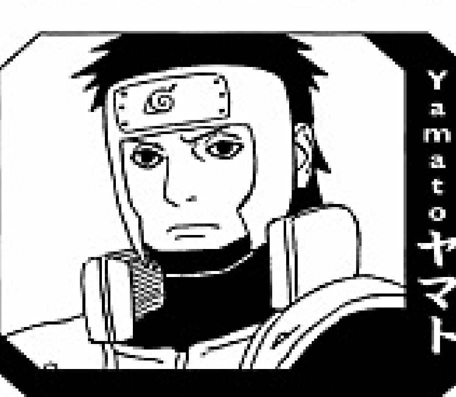

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Sasuke サスケ

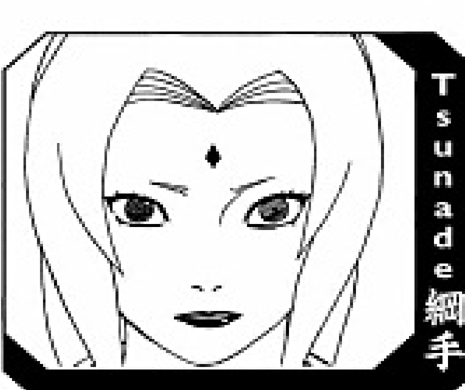

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Sakura サクラ

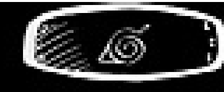

Sai サイ


Yamato ヤマト




Tsunade 綱手


Gaara 我愛羅



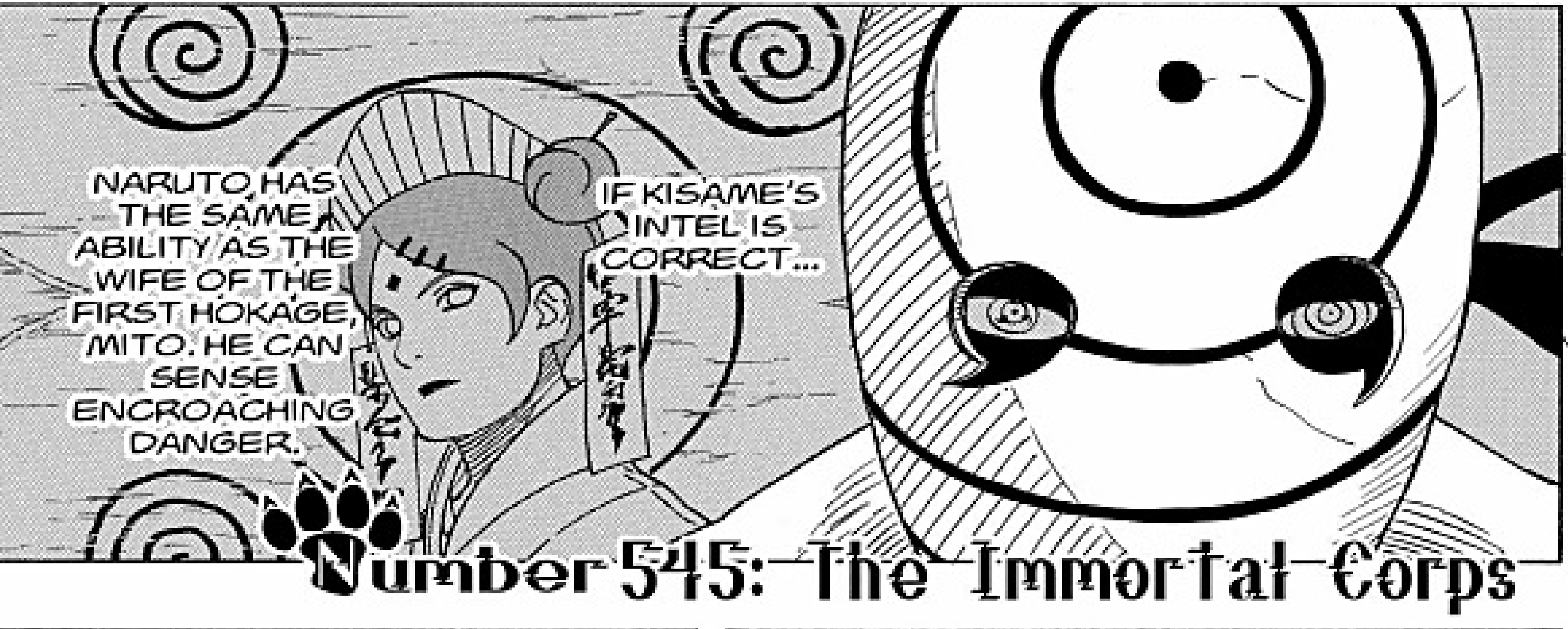
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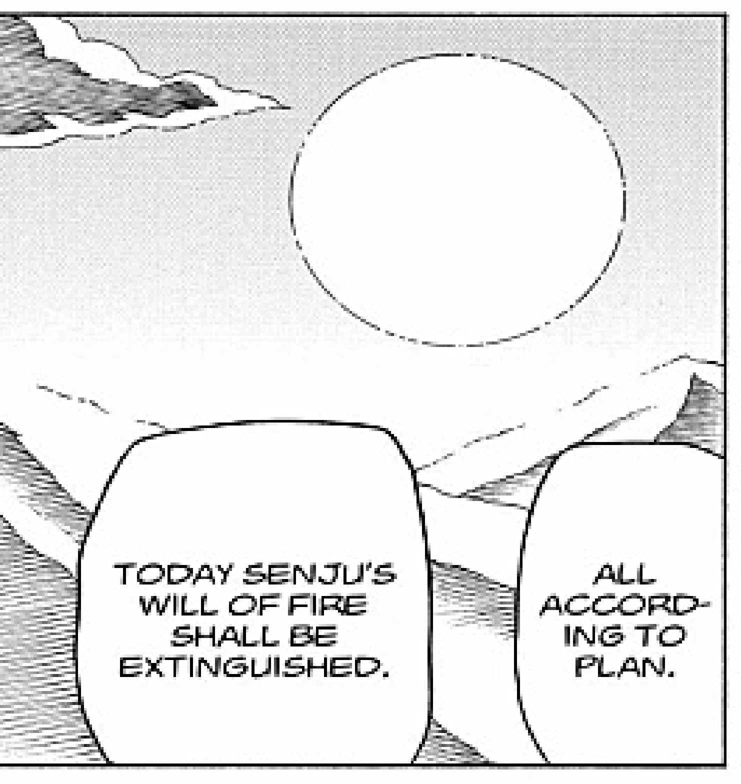


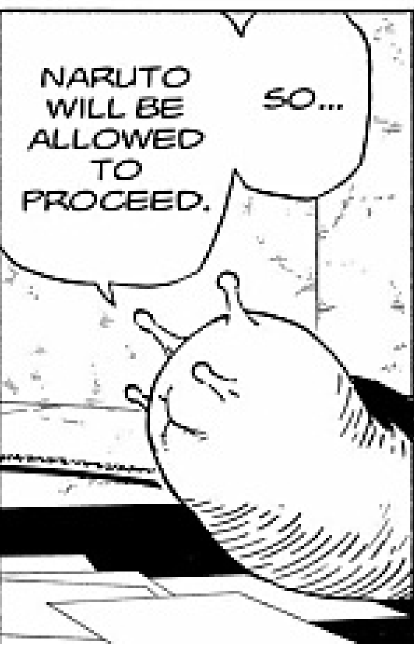
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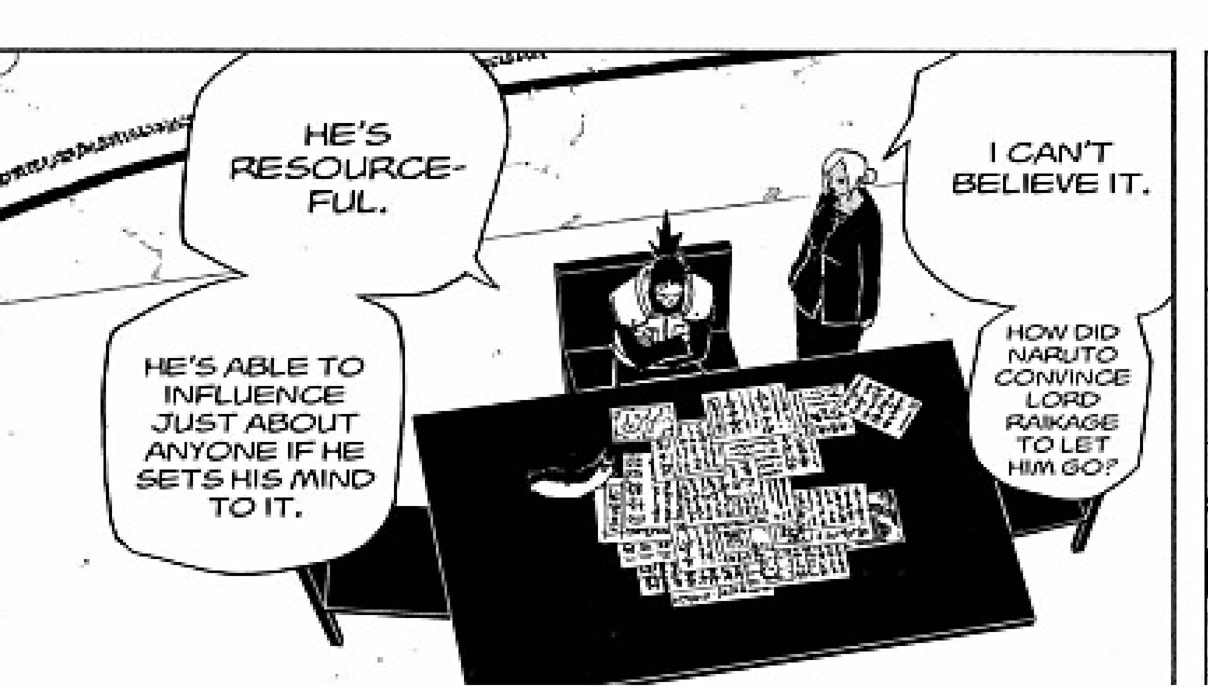


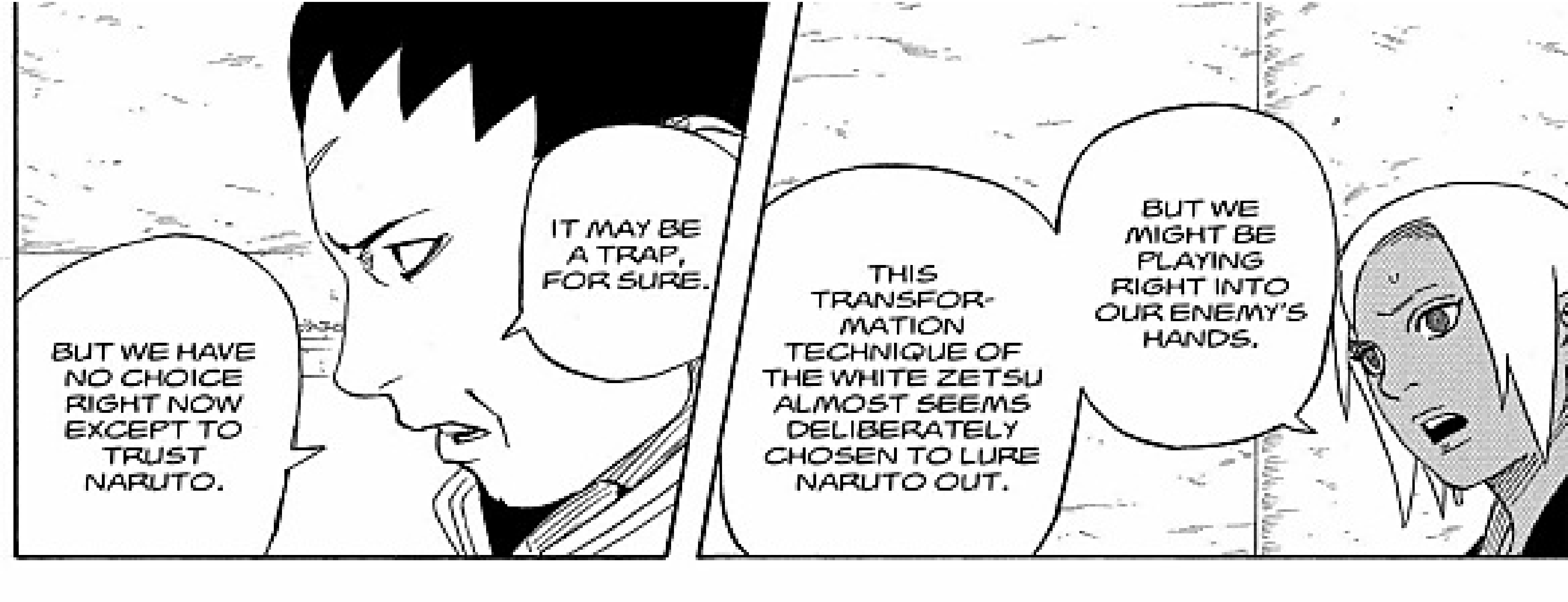
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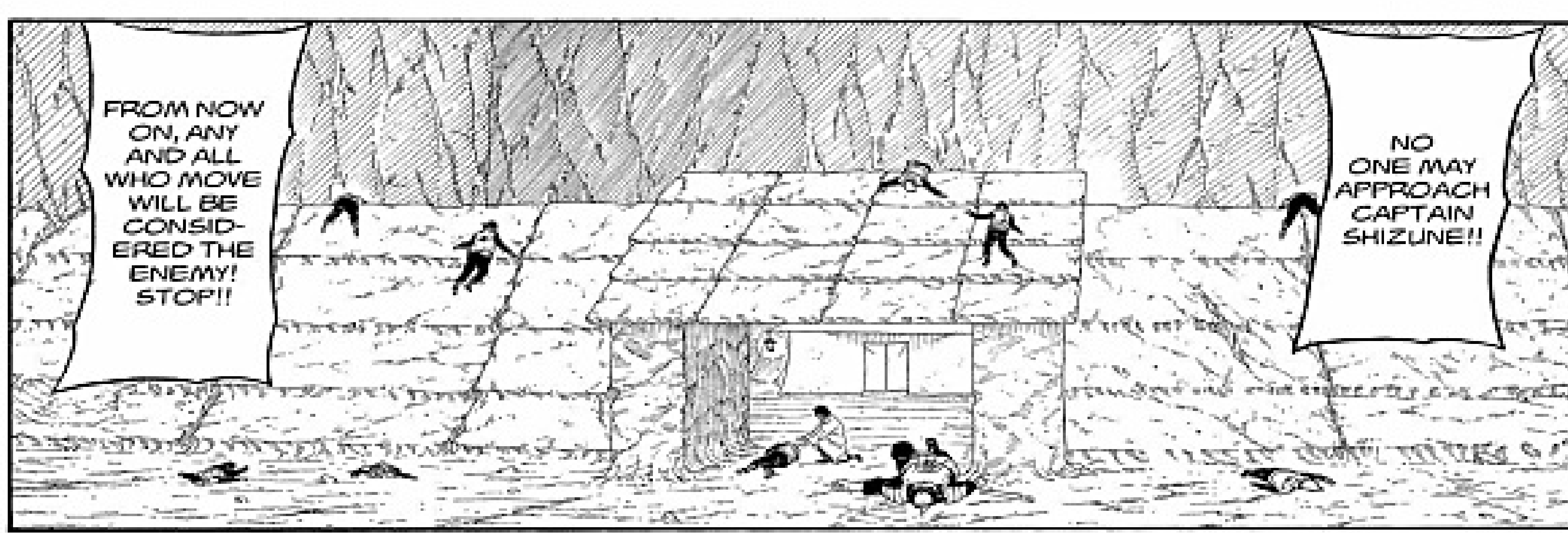










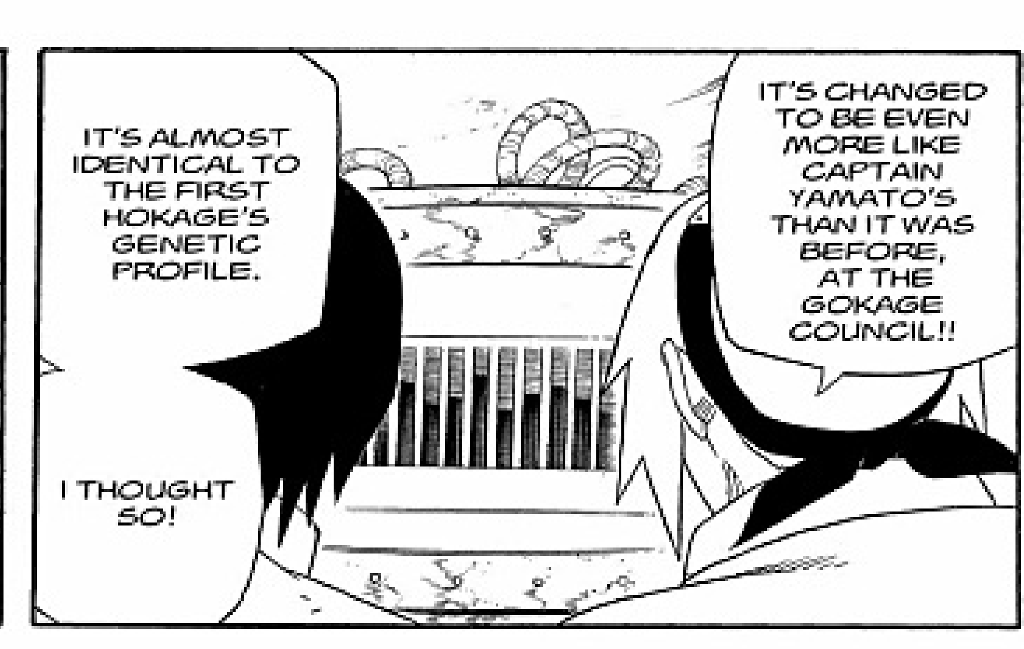


SAKURA, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GENETIC PROFILE DATA.

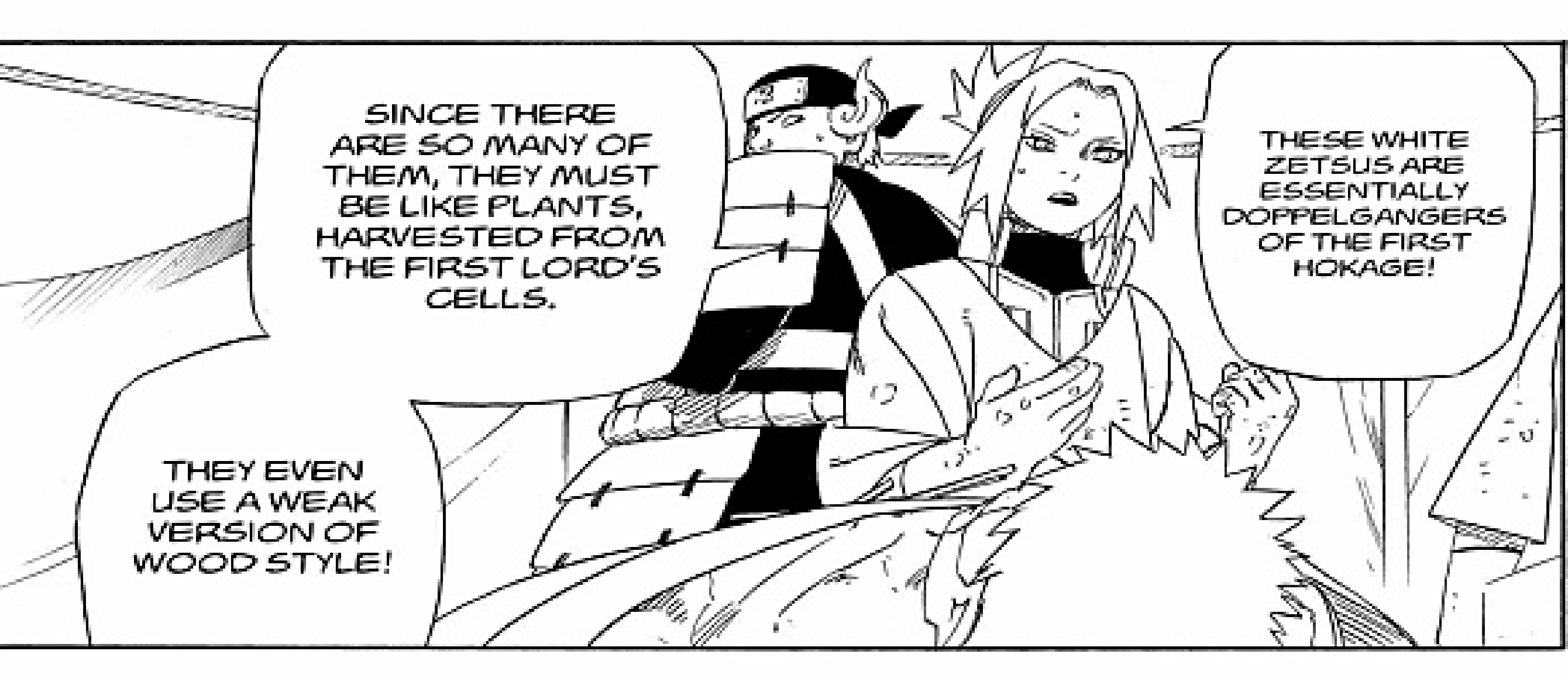
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YOU FINALLY GOT SOMETHING?!

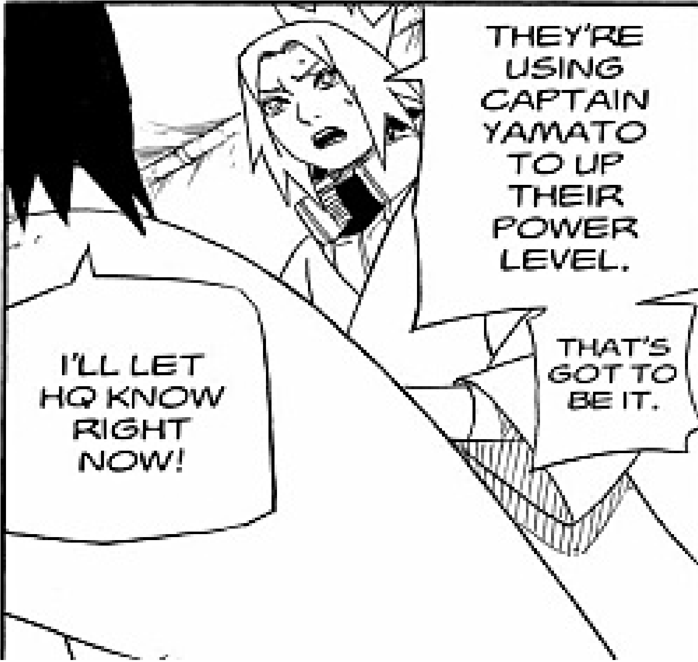

READ THIS WAY


IT'S CHANGED TO BE EVEN MORE LIKE CAPTAIN YAMATO'S THAN IT WAS BEFORE, AT THE GOKAGE COUNCIL!!
IT'S ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE FIRST HOKAGE'S GENETIC PROFILE.
I THOUGHT SO!


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HOW ARE THESE WHITE THINGS RELATED TO THE FIRST HOKAGE?

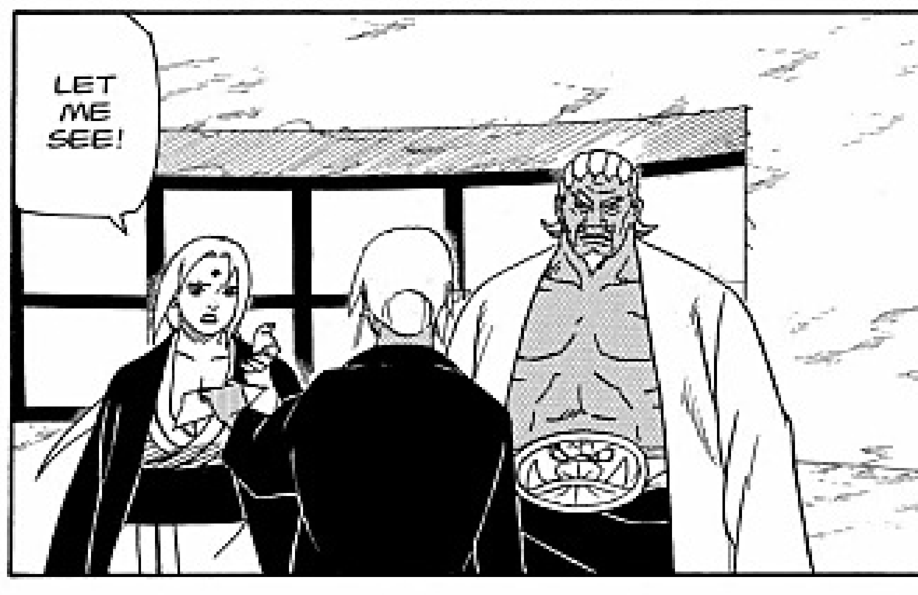

THESE WHITE ZETSUS ARE ESSENTIALLY DOPPELGANGERS OF THE FIRST HOKAGE!
SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM, THEY MUST BE LIKE PLANTS, HARVESTED FROM THE FIRST LORD'S CELLS.
THEY EVEN USE A WEAK VERSION OF WOOD STYLE!


HUNH ?!
I DON'T GET IT!

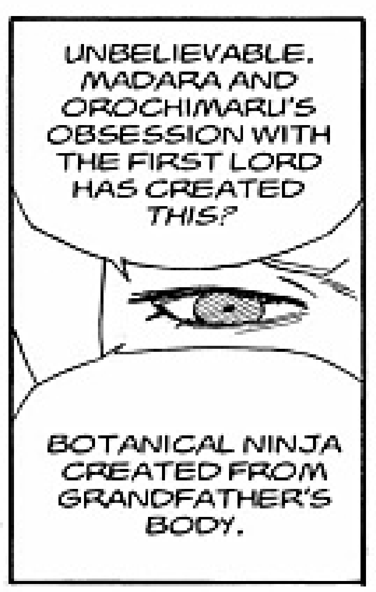

THEY'RE USING CAPTAIN YAMATO TO UP THEIR POWER LEVEL.
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT.
I'LL LET HQ KNOW RIGHT NOW!

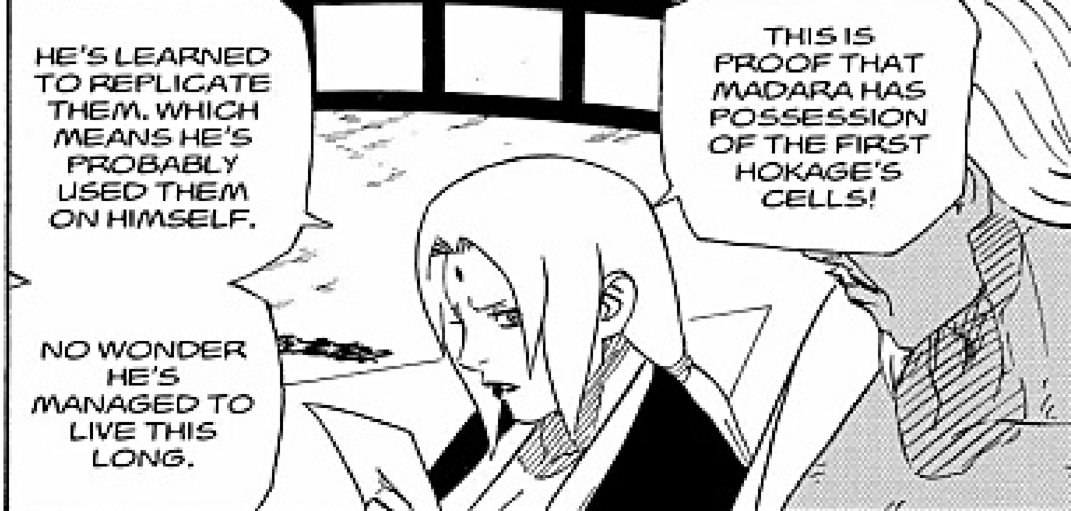

I'M BACK!!
TOMP

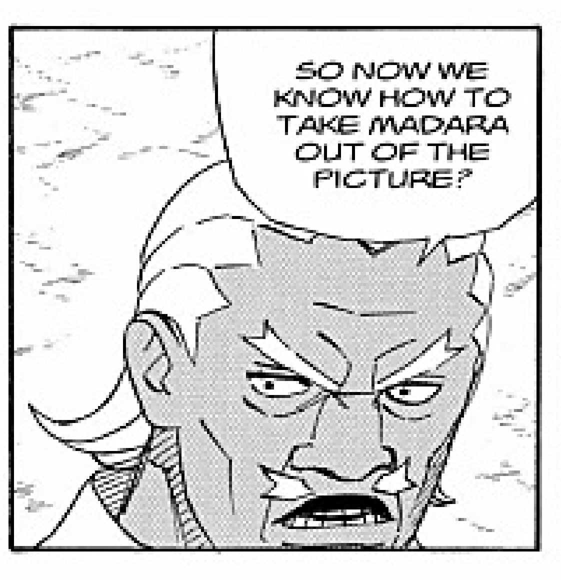
WHITE ZETSUS ARE IMPERSON-ATING OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSING CHAOS AND PANIC!
PERHAPS TOO NEAT OF A COINCIDENCE, BUT I THINK NARUTO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO DEAL WITH THEM!
KLIK
KLIK
YES, MILADY!
CREAK.
SORRY TO JUMP IN, BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE MEDICAL TEAM!
DATA ON THE WHITE BEINGS!

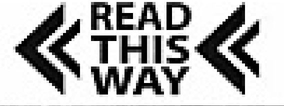


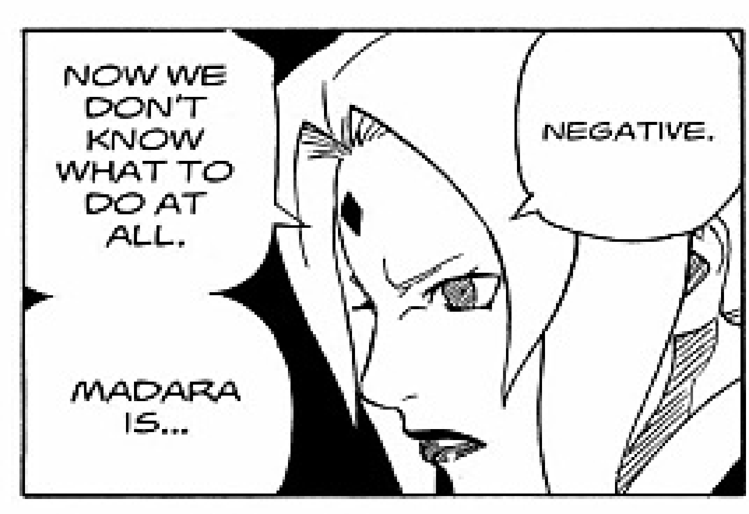




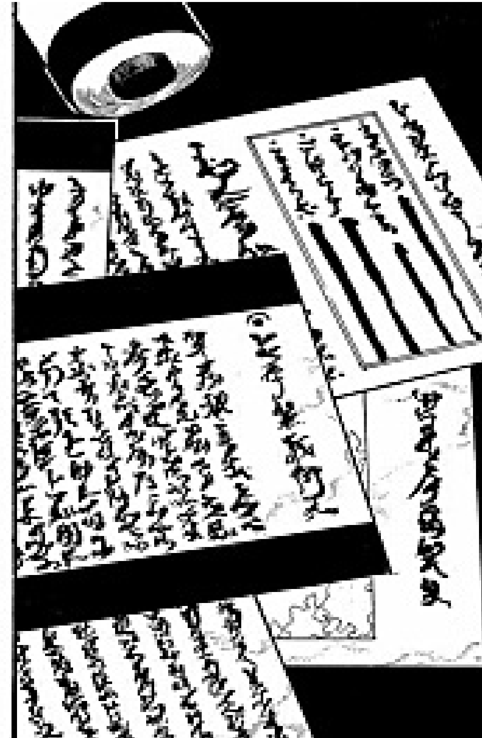


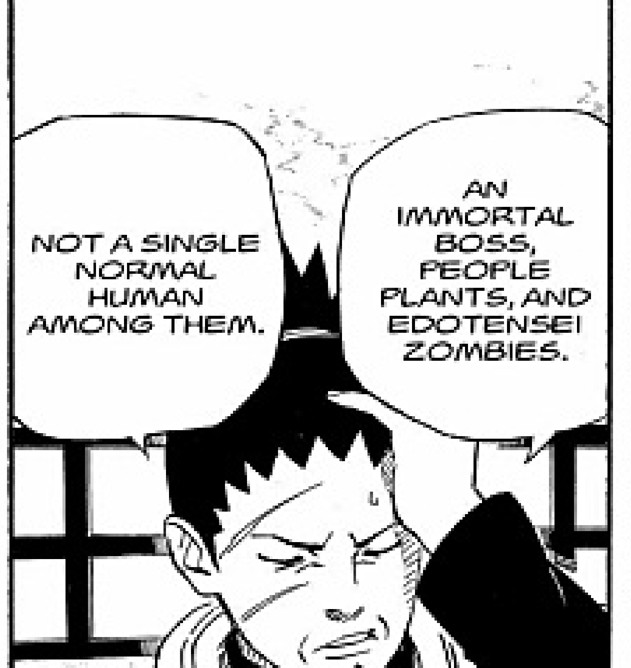


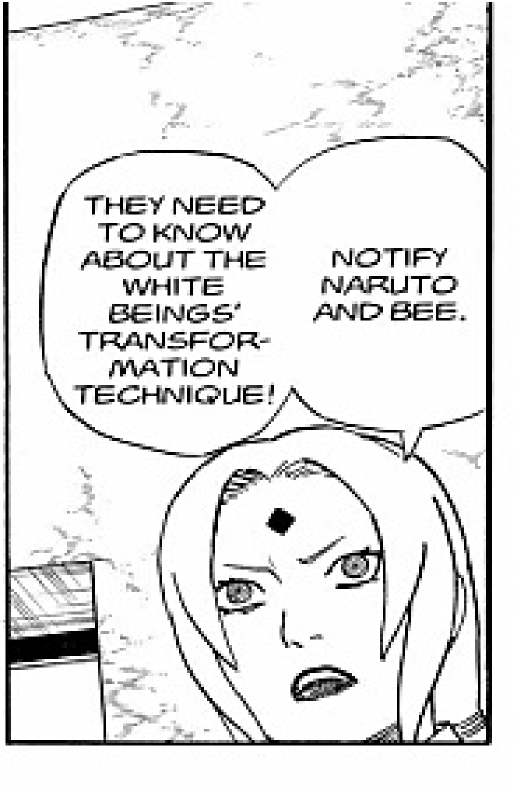

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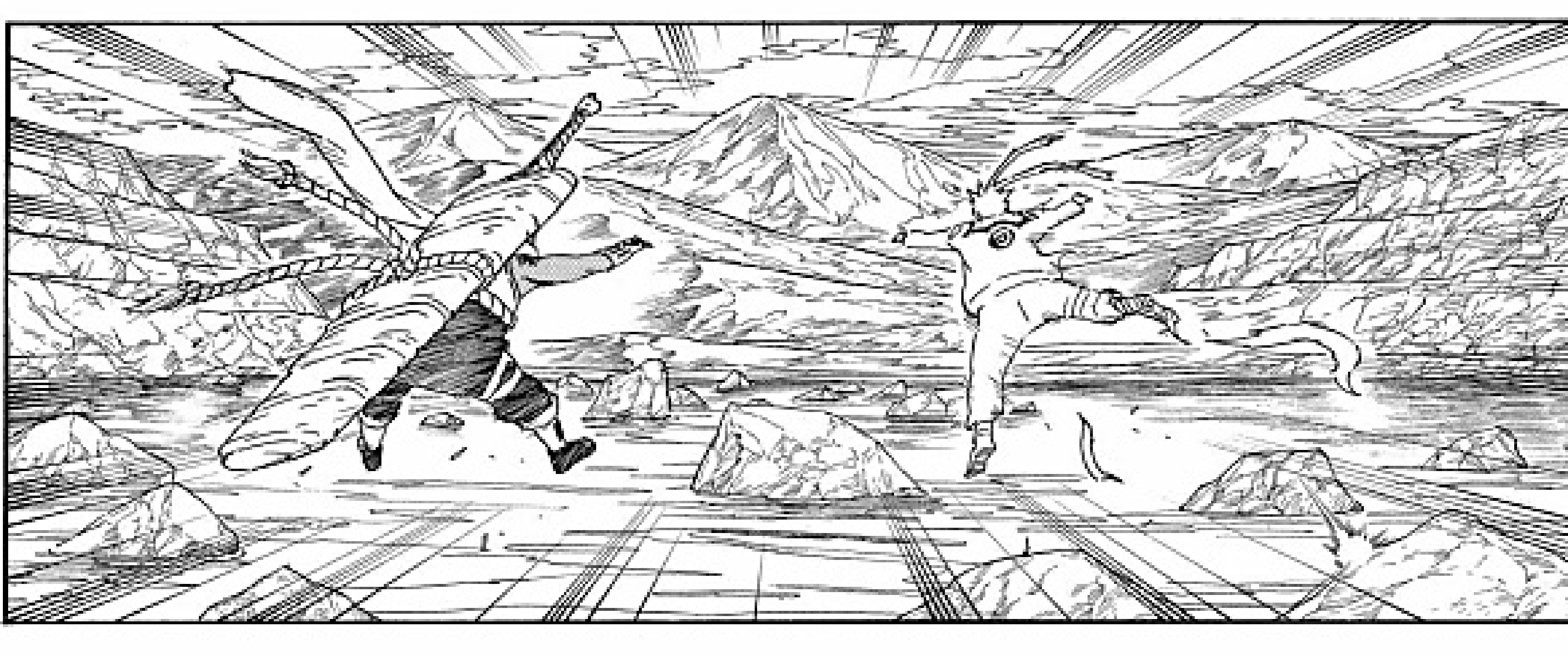

NEGATIVE.
NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AT ALL.
MADARA IS...


...IMMORTAL!



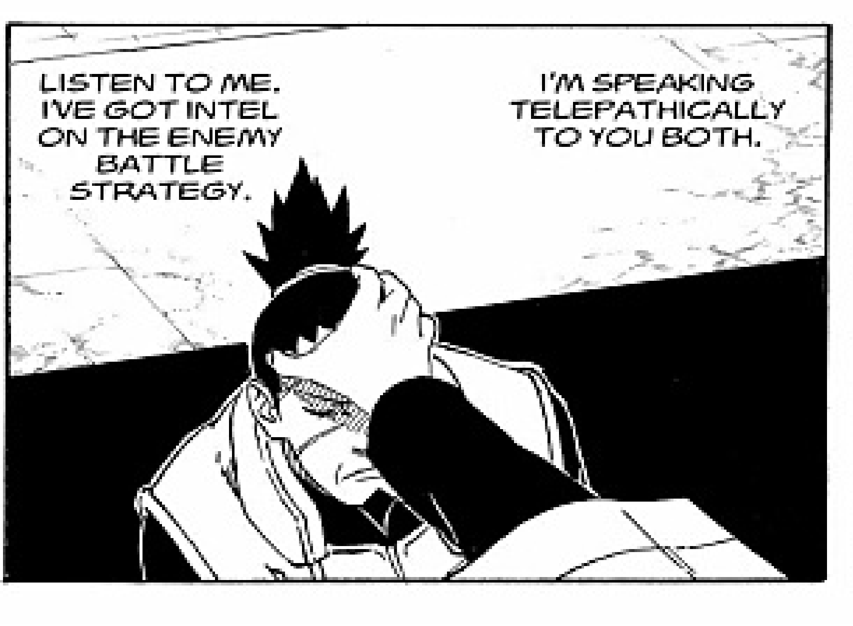

AN IMMORTAL BOSS, PEOPLE PLANTS, AND EDOTENSEI ZOMBIES.
NOT A SINGLE NORMAL HUMAN AMONG THEM.


NOTIFY NARUTO AND BEE.
THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WHITE BEINGS' TRANSFOR-MATION TECHNIQUE!



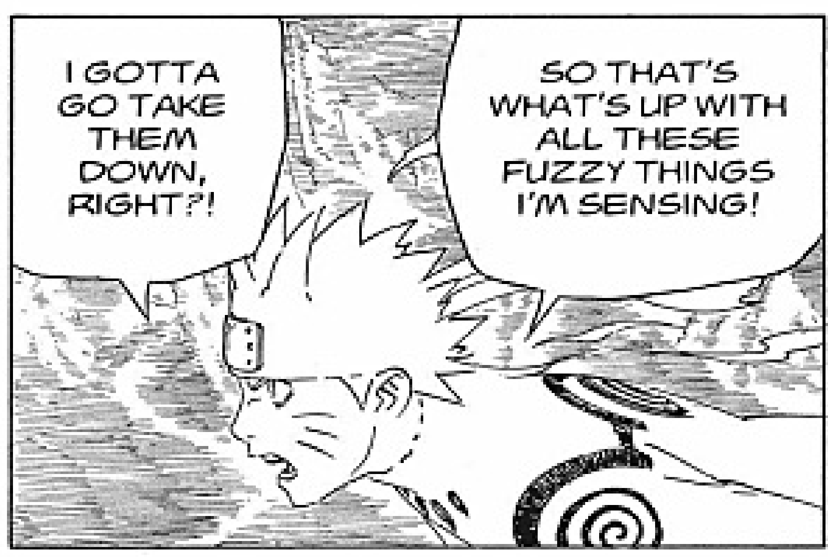

NARUTO, LISTEN.
!


LORD BEE.
!


I'M SPEAKING TELEPATHICALLY TO YOU BOTH.
LISTEN TO ME. I'VE GOT INTEL ON THE ENEMY BATTLE STRATEGY.


SHOOM SHOOM


SHOOM SHOOM


SO THAT'S WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THESE FUZZY THINGS I'M SENSING!
I GOTTA GO TAKE THEM DOWN, RIGHT?!


YES! BUT REMEMBER, MADARA NEEDS THE BIJU YOU AND BEE HOST FOR PROJECT TSUKI NO ME.
YOU TWO ARE HIS TARGETS.

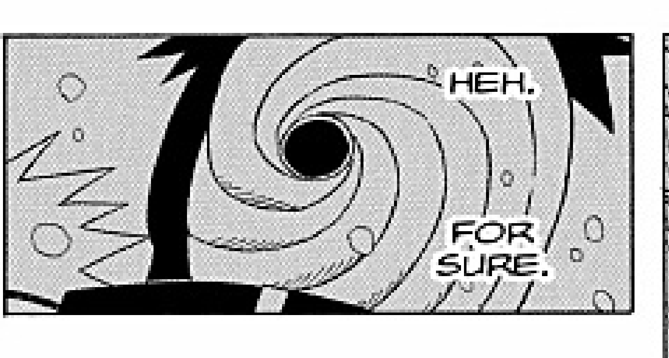

I KNOW!
HE WON'T CAPTURE ME!


YOU CAN'T REASON WITH HIM, NARUTO.
MADARA IS NOT LIKE PAIN NAGATO.


HE DOESN'T REALLY SEEK PEACE.
HE'S A TRUE VILLAIN WHO JUST WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD!


NAGATO JUST HAPPENED TO BE EASILY INFLUENCED.
TO CONTROL OTHERS, YOU MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE THE DARKNESS IN THEIR SOULS.

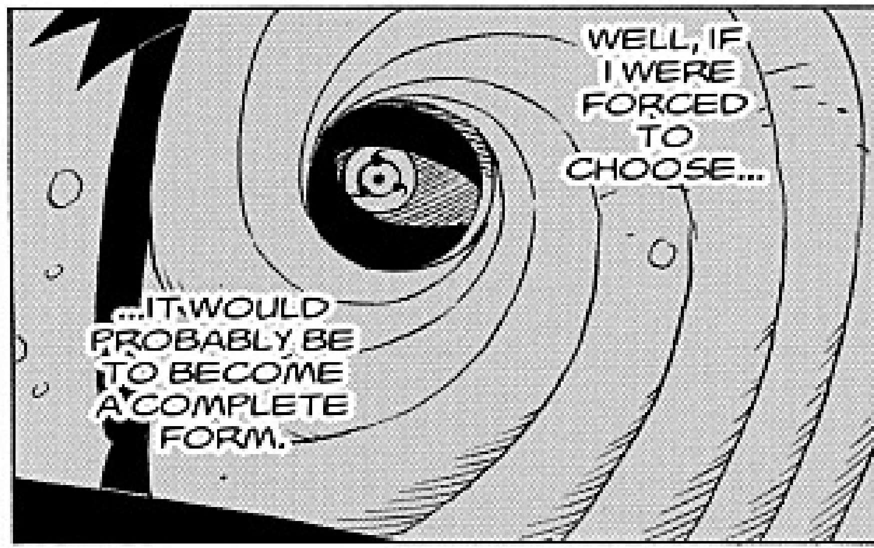


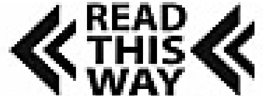

HEH.
FOR SURE.


WHAT'S YOUR TRUE PURPOSE? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

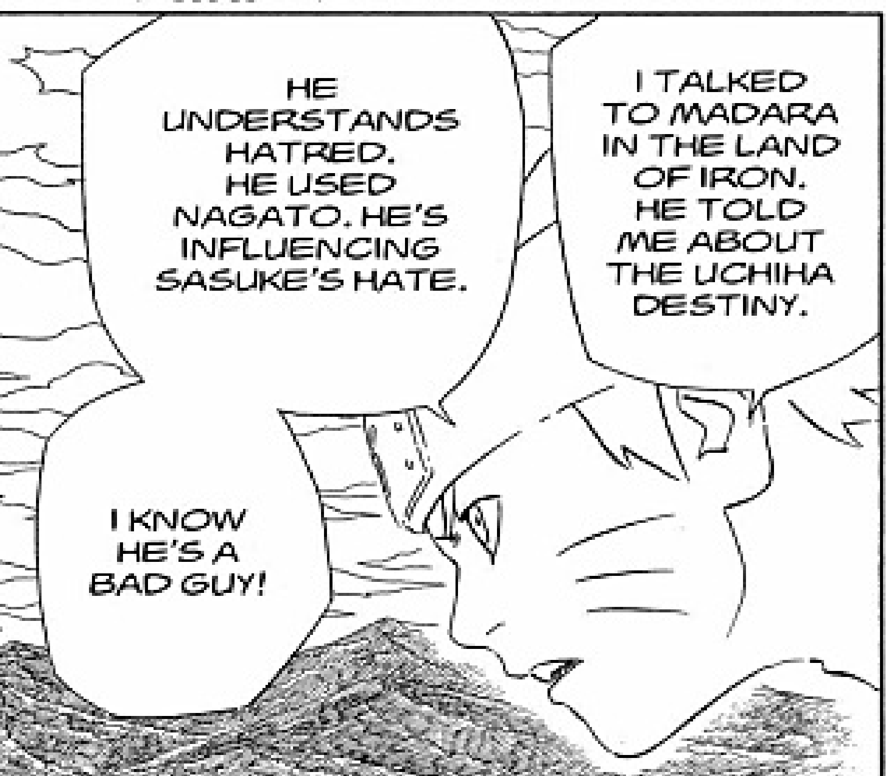

NEVER COMPARE YOURSELF TO NAGATO!!
OUR METHODS MAY HAVE DIFFERED, BUT HE TRULY WANTED PEACE!
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT!!

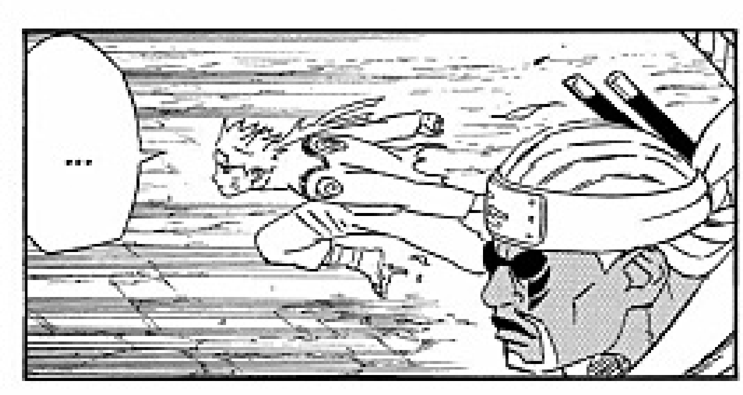

HE'S GONNA CONTROL EVERYONE USING GENJUTSU?
THAT'S PROJECT TSUKI NO ME?


WELL, IF I WERE FORCED TO CHOOSE...
...IT WOULD PROBABLY BE TO BECOME A COMPLETE FORM.


READ THIS WAY

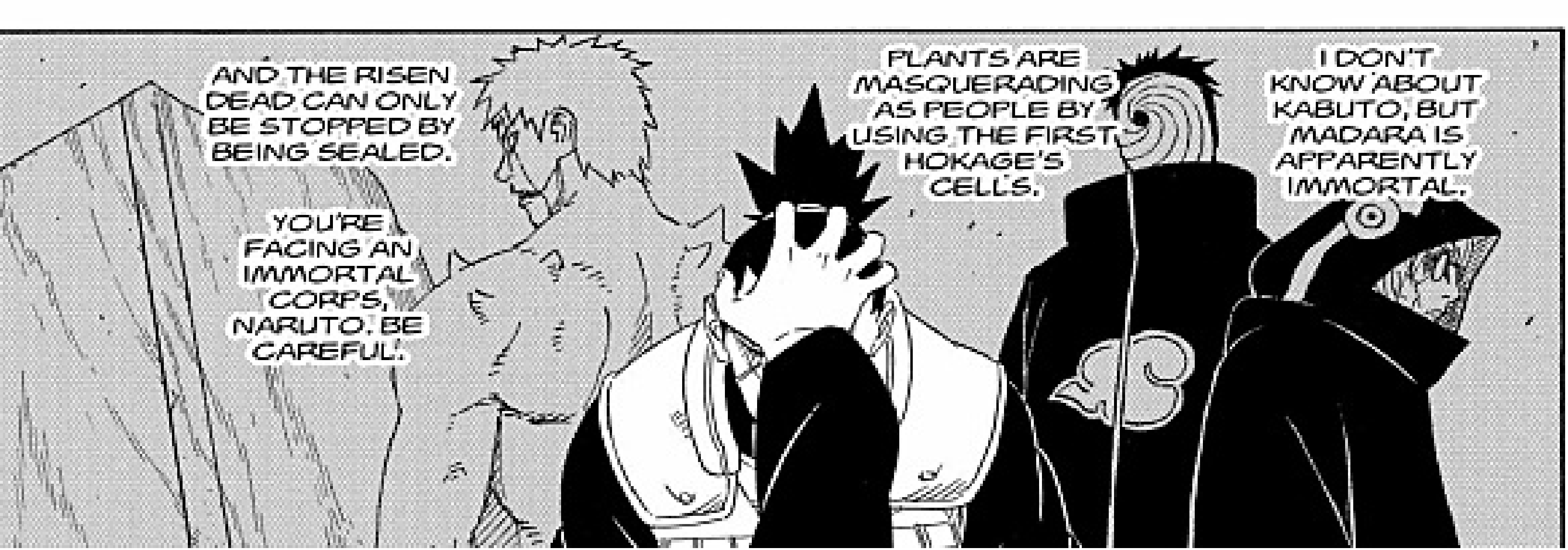

YES!
DON'T HOLD BACK!


I TALKED TO MADARA IN THE LAND OF IRON. HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE UCHIHA DESTINY.
HE UNDERSTANDS HATRED. HE USED NAGATO. HE'S INFLUENCING SASUKE'S HATE.
I KNOW HE'S A BAD GUY!


...


HE DOESN'T ACT UPON HATRED. HE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HATRED.
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ENEMIES YOU'VE FACED. BE CAREFUL!


I'M STOPPING MADARA AND I'M STOPPING THIS WAR!
I'M ACTING FIRST AND MAYBE I'LL TRY TO TALK TO HIM AFTER!


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT KABUTO, BUT MADARA IS APPARENTLY IMMORTAL.
PLANTS ARE MASQUERADING AS PEOPLE BY USING THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS.
AND THE RISEN DEAD CAN ONLY BE STOPPED BY BEING SEALED.
YOU'RE FACING AN IMMORTAL CORPS, NARUTO. BE CAREFUL.

THAT'S ACTUALLY THE BEST NEWS YOU CAN GIVE ME, YA KNOW!

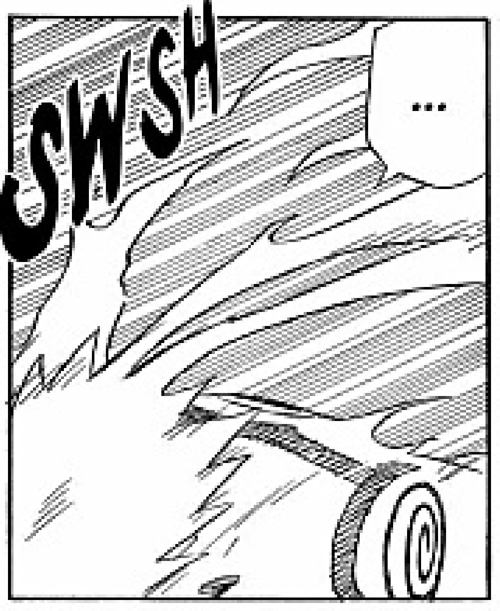
CUZ IT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK!

GRRRR

THAT'S...








THWAK
?!!
UNGH!
SCREECH
ZWW
ZWOO
ZWOP
!
NARUTO! YOU'RE IN THE CHARGE. ♪
TELL ME WHERE TO ATTACK, SARGE! ♪
FSH
FSH


RASEN-RANGAN! RASEN-RAMPAGE!!
?!





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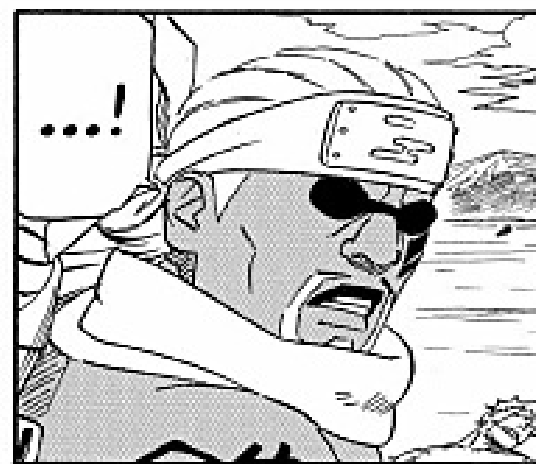
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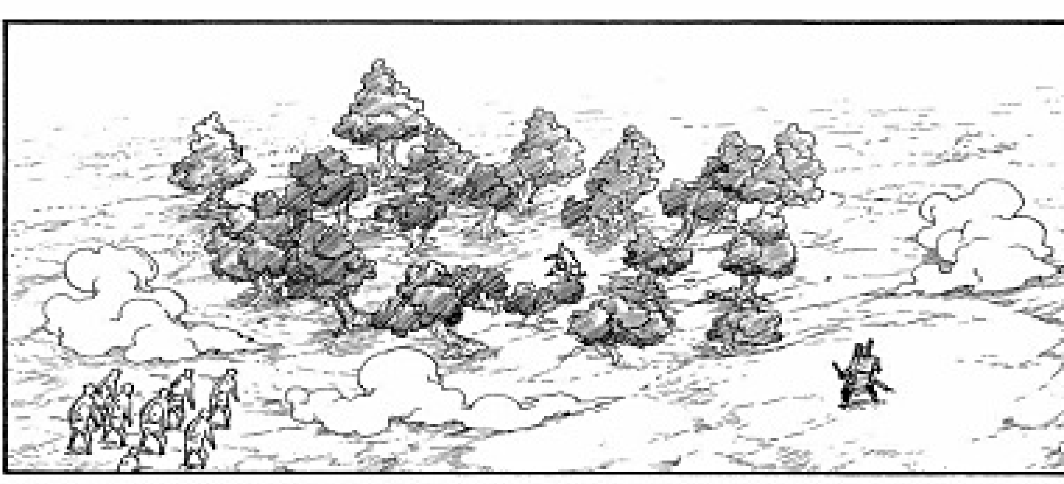
ATTACK THEM ALL!!

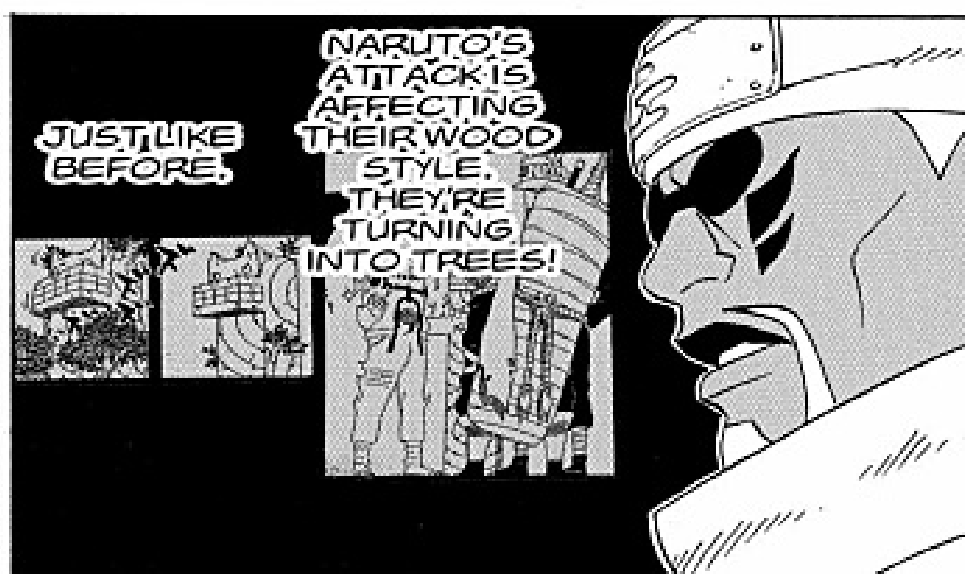
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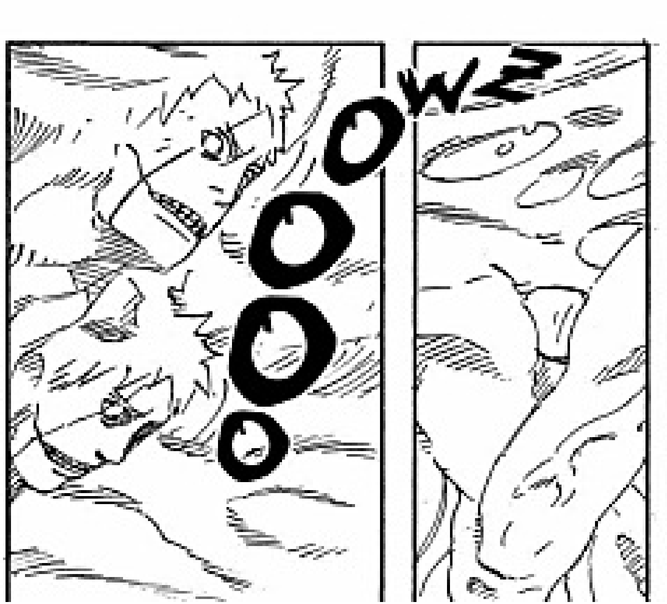
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VWOOSH
RASEN-KYUGAN! RASEN ABSORPTION!!
VWEEN
ARGH!!





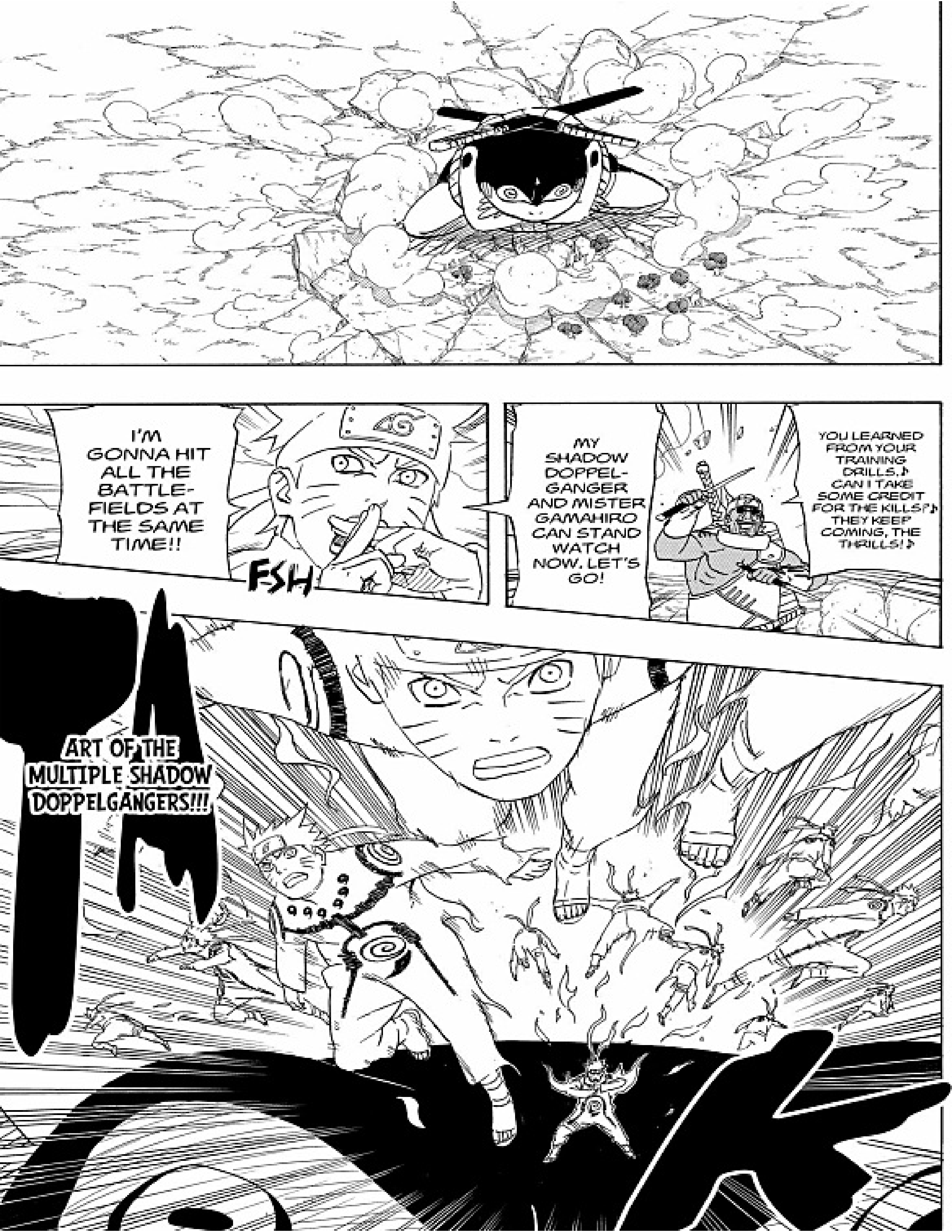




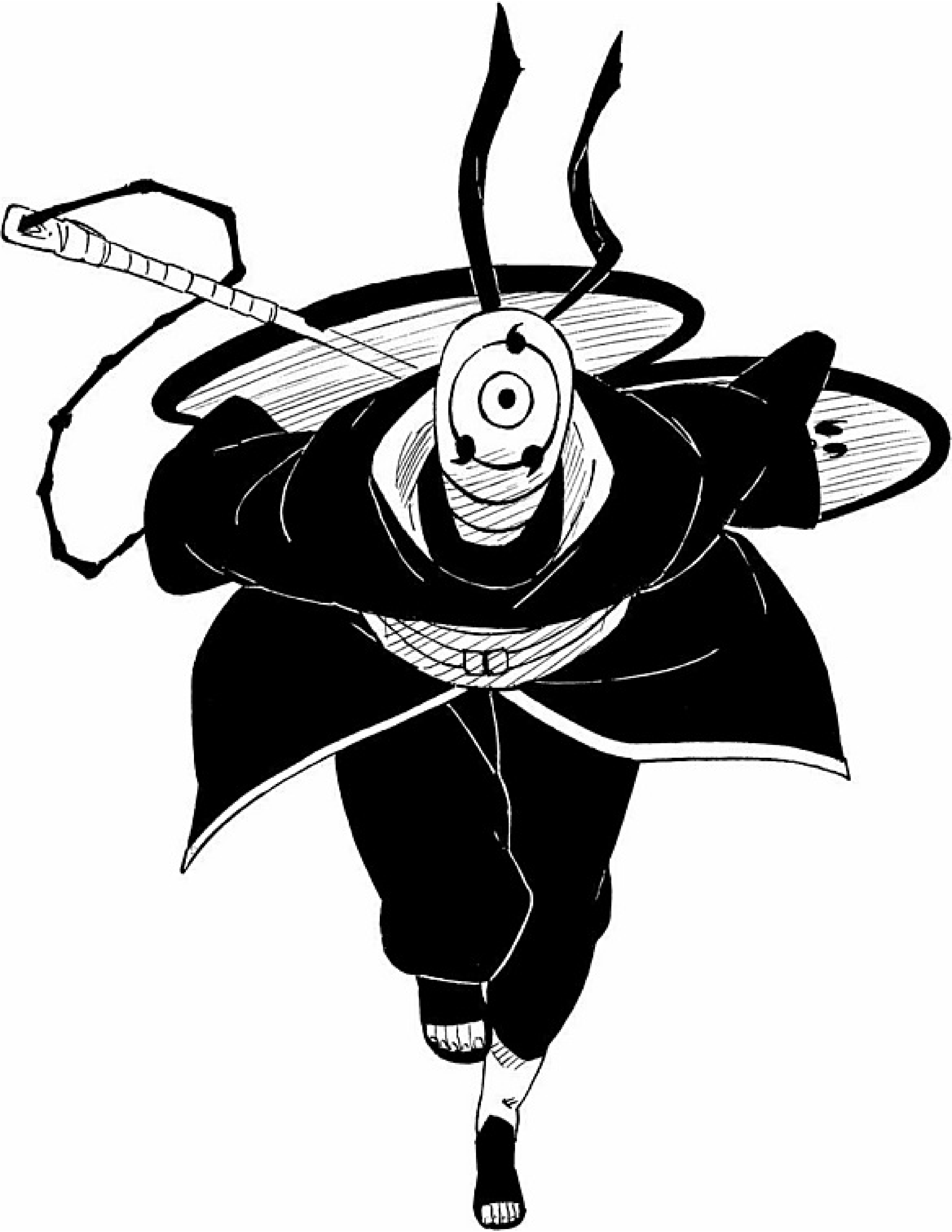

ZWOOP
YOU WON'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!
!!
FSH
MINI RASEN-SHURIKEN.
WHEEN
FWIP



THK
UNGH!!
PSH
?!
THOOM
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING! MAYHEM TECHNIQUE!!
AARGH!!
SKOSH

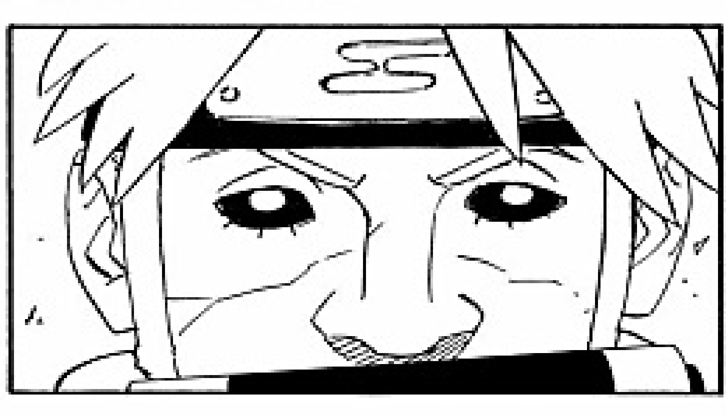


YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR TRAINING DRILLS.♪ CAN I TAKE SOME CREDIT FOR THE KILLS?♪ THEY KEEP COMING, THE THRILLS!♪
MY SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER AND MISTER GAMAHIRO CAN STAND WATCH NOW. LET'S GO!
I'M GONNA HIT ALL THE BATTLE-FIELDS AT THE SAME TIME!!
FSH
ART OF THE MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!!!



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...WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THE WAY FAST!!

WAH!!

NO!

CHINK

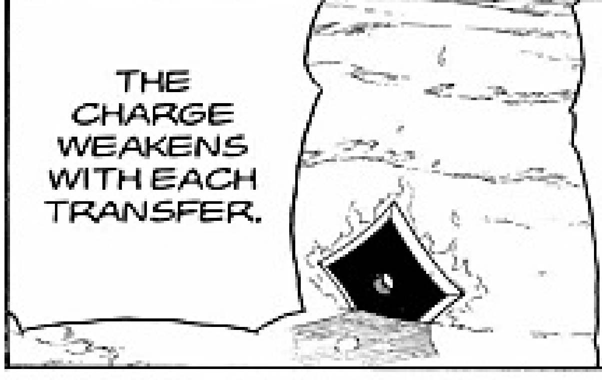
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SHUP

F-FOOL!

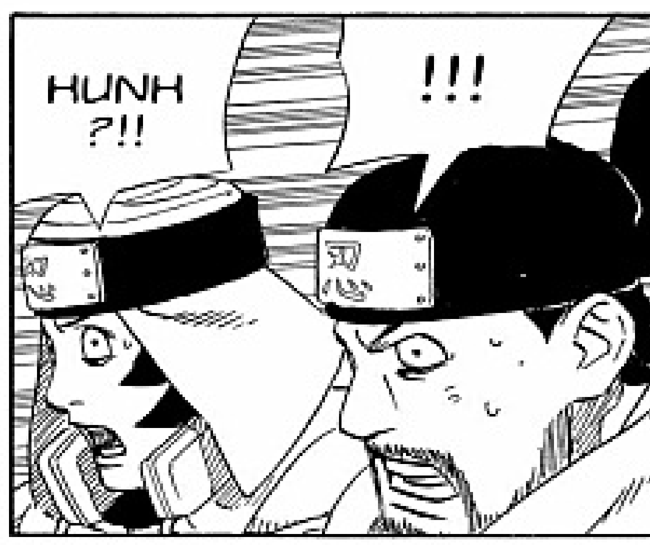
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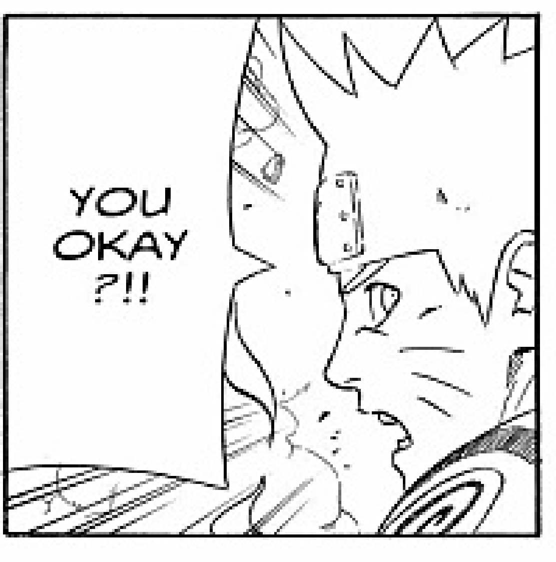



BUT YOU WERE THE FIRST TRANSFER POINT, SO YOUR BODY'S HOLDING A MASSIVE CHARGE!
HUH?! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?
BOOF
YOU'RE MAGNETIZED.
SO ARE HIS SHURIKEN.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE DRAWN DIRECTLY TO THEM!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!!

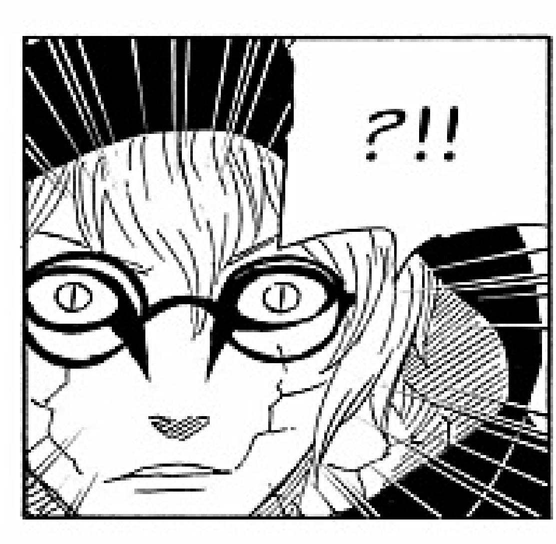
RASENGAN!!



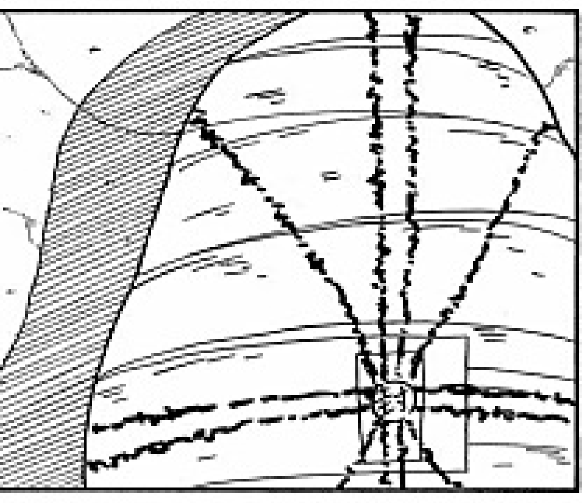


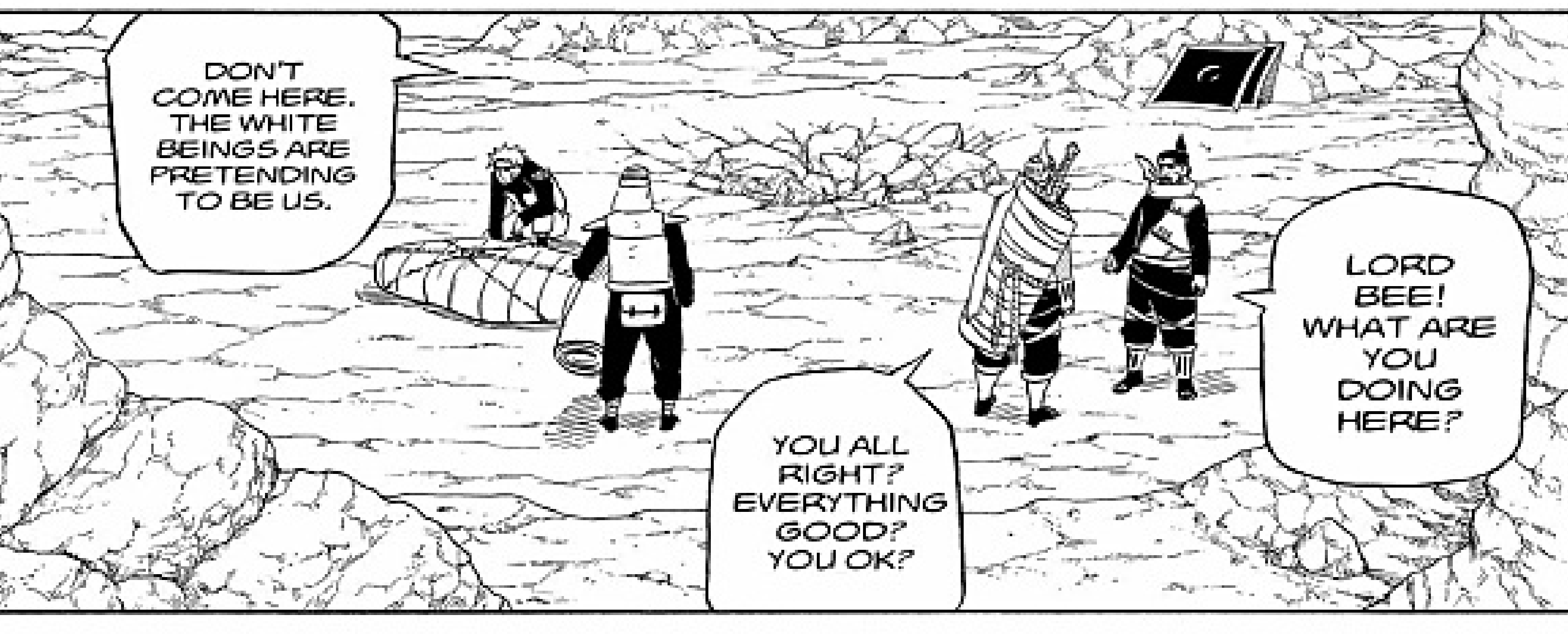



READ
THIS
WAY


?!!


WHAT WAS THAT?!




LORD BEE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU ALL RIGHT? EVERYTHING GOOD? YOU OK?
DON'T COME HERE. THE WHITE BEINGS ARE PRETENDING TO BE US.


I KNOW.

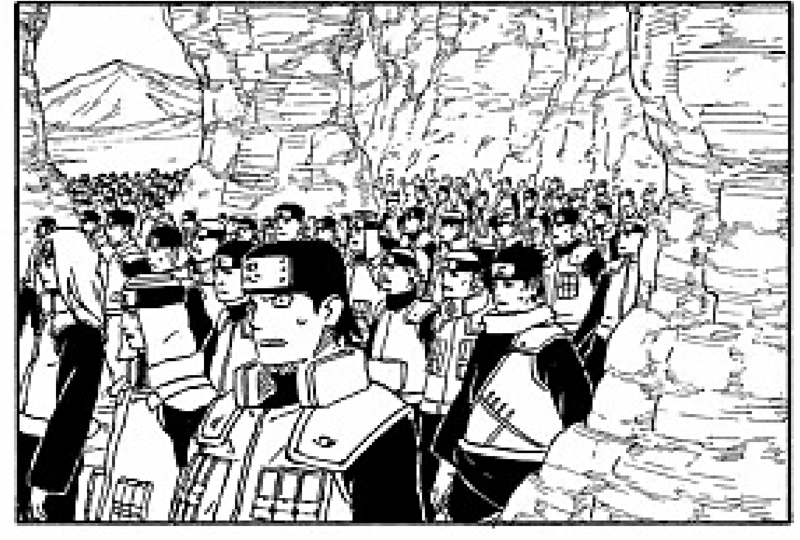

SO HE WAS ONE OF THOSE ZOMBIE GUYS FROM THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU, HUH.
WE'RE GONNA NEED TO SEAL THEM AWAY.

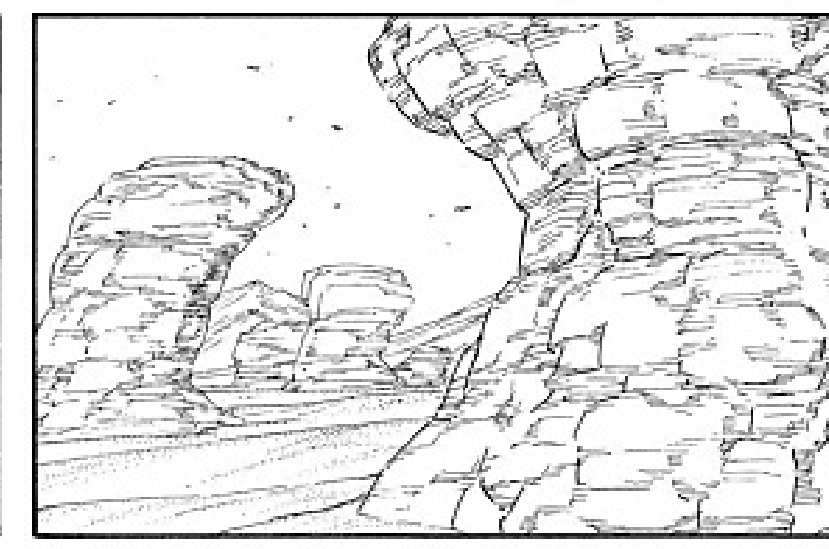

WE WERE RUNNING WITH EFF BACK TOWARDS HQ WHEN WE GOT SEPARATED.


OCTOPOPS, WE GOTTA CATCH UP TO EVERYONE ELSE!!
YEAH!!
FSH


WHA --?!!
EFF WAS A WHITE *BEING* ♪
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU *SEEING* ♪

SHOOM





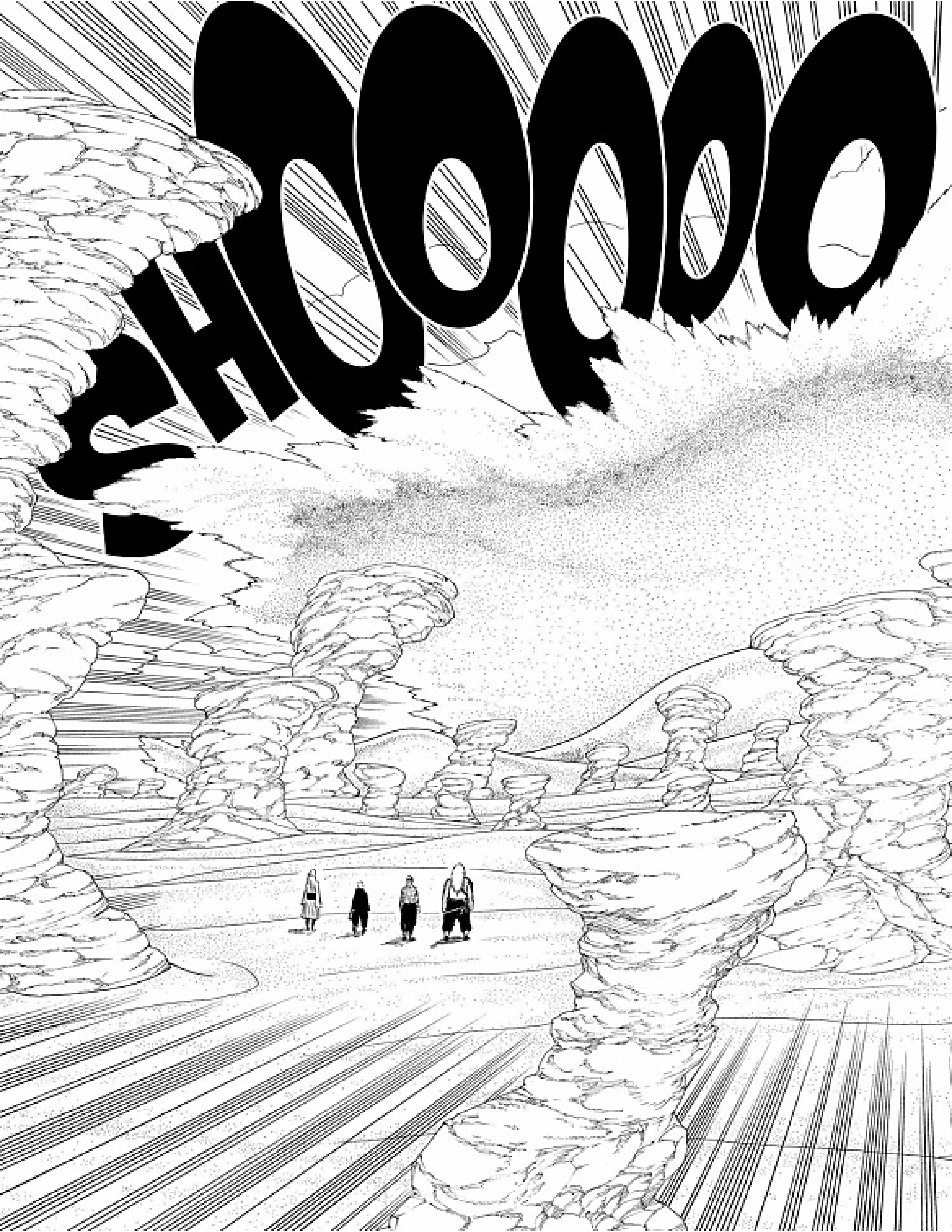








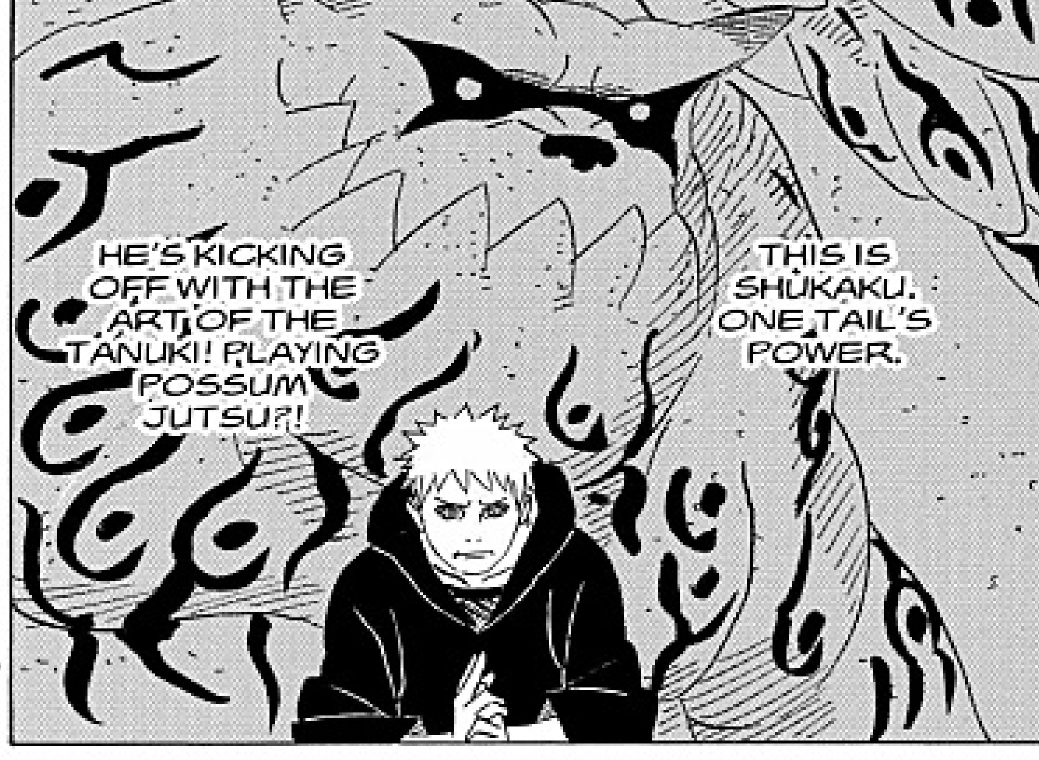
SHUP
THEY WERE RETREAT-ING SLOWLY.
SHUP
BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE DECISION TIME IS AT HAND.


SHOOOOOO


I REALLY DON'T CARE TO BATTLE MY OWN VILLAGE'S SHINOBI.
THIS OROCHIMARU CHARACTER IS GOING TO REGRET THIS.
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I THINK I AGREE WITH YOU.
SHUP
SHUP
IT'S NOT ALL BAD.
THE GROWN CHILDREN OF OUR VILLAGES WILL SURPASS US.
...
THAT WOULD BE NICE.
INCOMING. TWO OF THEM.


WHOA! THAT'S A LOTTA SAND!
WHICH VILLAGE'S SHINOBI IS DOING THIS JUTSU?!

?!!

BAM

THIS IS SHUKAKU. ONE TAIL'S POWER.
HE'S KICKING OFF WITH THE ART OF THE TANUKI! PLAYING POSSUM JUTSU?!

SSH

SWAA


READ THIS WAY
VOOSH
GOLD DUST?
YOU CONTROL GOLD DUST WITH MAGNET STYLE!
SLAM

FWOOSH



GOLD DUST IS HEAVIER THAN SAND.
IF I MIX THE GOLD DUST INTO THE SAND, I CAN SLOW IT DOWN.

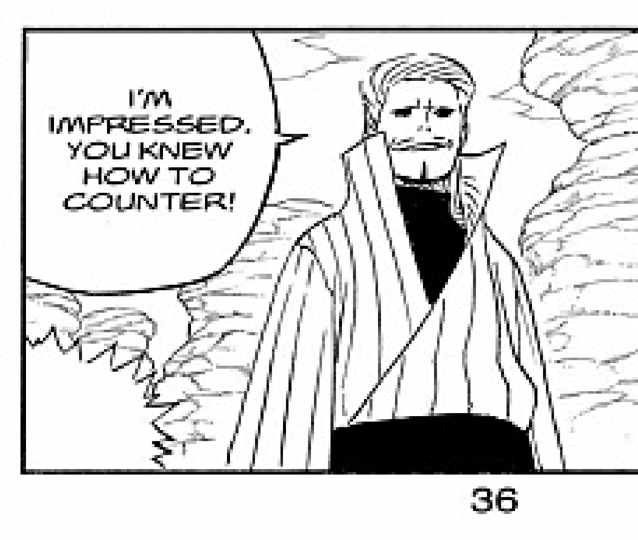


?!
FWOO
IT STOPPED.





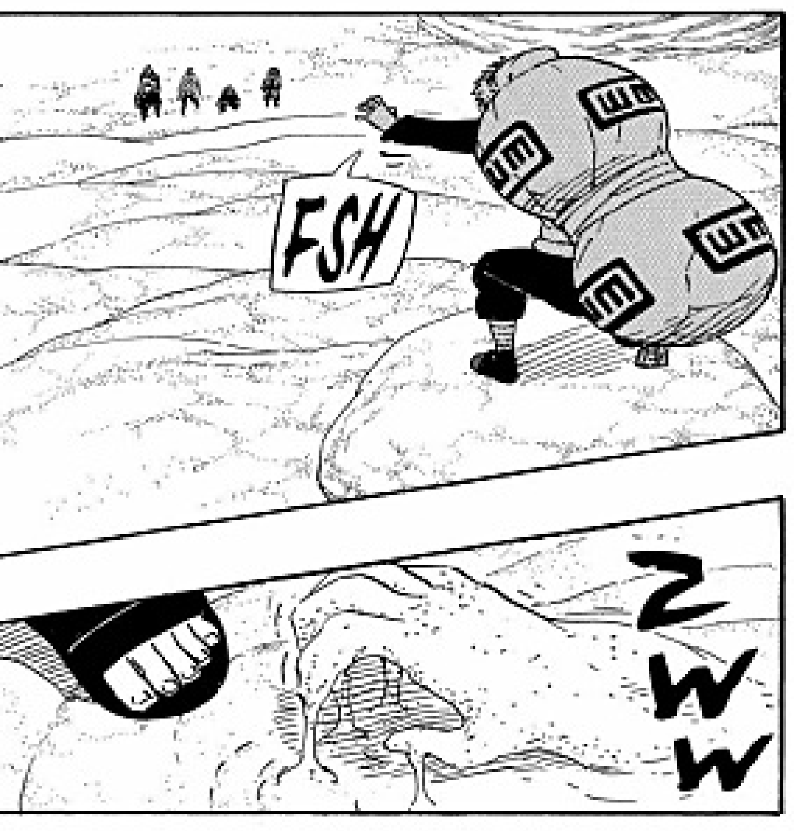
WHEN SHUKAKU THE SAND SPIRIT RAN AMOK...
I'D STOP HIS SAND LIKE THIS.



I'M IMPRESSED. YOU KNEW HOW TO COUNTER!


GAARA! NOT SHUKAKU?!
?!!


SHOOO


FSH
ZWW


?!
!
SHOOM
ZWOOO


FROM ABOVE, EH.



VWEEN
YOU'RE AN OLD MAN, OHNOKI?
TMP
YOU OWE YOUR AGE TO JINTON?
KWEEN
PARTICLE STYLE! ATOMIC DISMANTLE JUTSU!
FWP

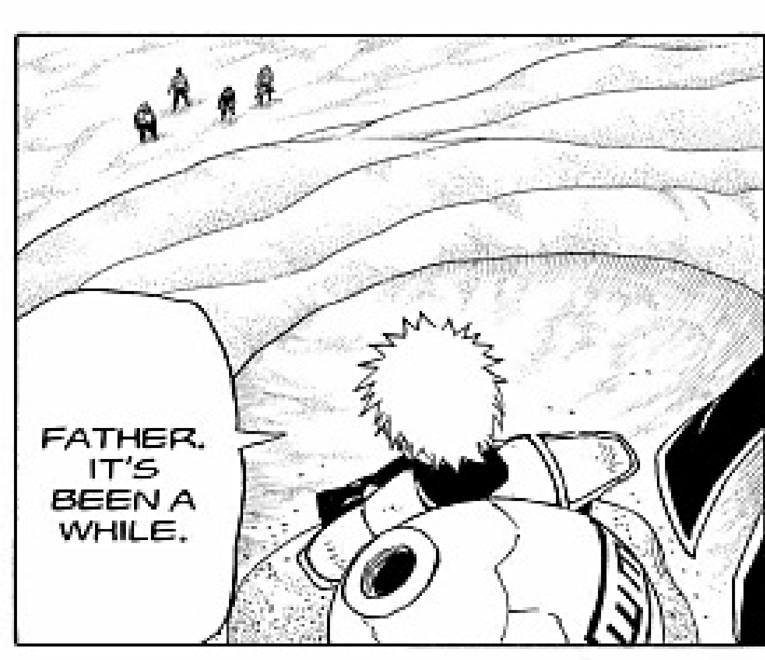

KYUOO
SH
ZWOOOOO.
KLINK


FOOOSH
MY DEAR PREDE-CESSOR'S JINTON.
HIS MAGNET STYLE IS JUST AS POWERFUL AS EVER!
BAM
HIS SAND HAND IS EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
SWOO
FWOP
FWOP
FWOP


WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL!


SWSH


GAARA, WHERE'S SHUKAKU?


FATHER. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.


THAT WAS JINTON. DON'T TELL ME THAT'S YOUR DISCIPLE, THE BRAT OHNOKI?!
NOW I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'VE TIME-TRAVELED.


LONG GONE.
I AM NO LONGER THE JINCHÛRIKI THAT YOU CREATED, FATHER.


NARUTO

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YOU'RE NO LONGER A JINCHŪRIKI ?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THOSE THAT CONTROL YOU NOW REMOVED SHUKAKU FROM ME. AND IT KILLED ME.

NOOO

GRANNY CHIYO AND HER FRIENDS REVIVED ME.

GRANNY CHIYO?!

YOU SAID FRIENDS ?!

YOU HAVE FRIENDS ?!







I AM ALSO KAZEKAGE.

IT IS A LEADER'S DUTY TO ELIMINATE THREATS AGAINST ONE'S VILLAGE.

WE MUST PROTECT IT.

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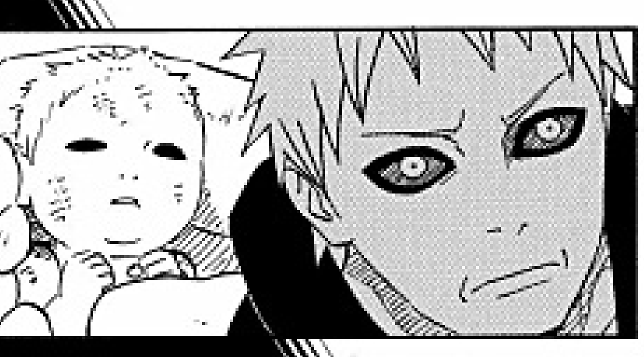


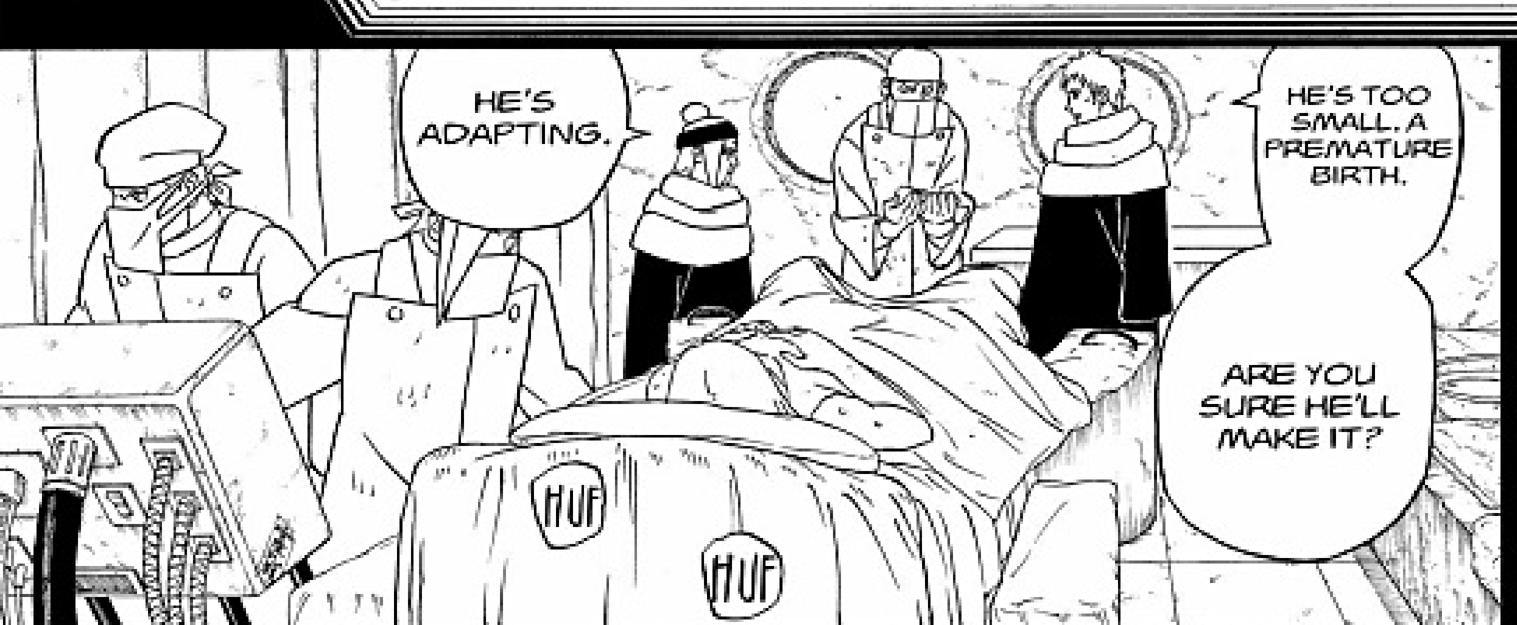


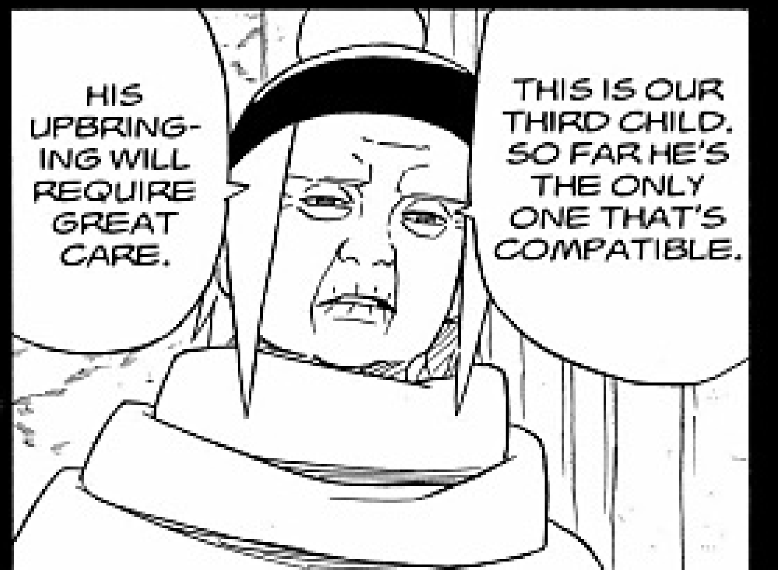

READ THIS WAY


WHAT YOU LACK IN EYEBROWS YOU MAKE UP FOR WITH CHARISMA!
I'M JUST THE SAME!
UH, SO WHAT ABOUT YOUR MINI GOATEE, THEN, MIZUKAGE?
HE'S YOUR SON, EH. HE'S A GOOD SHINOBI.
OK, I'LL CHEER YOU ON IF YOU'RE GOING TO START KILLING SOMEONE. START WITH THE MUMMY!


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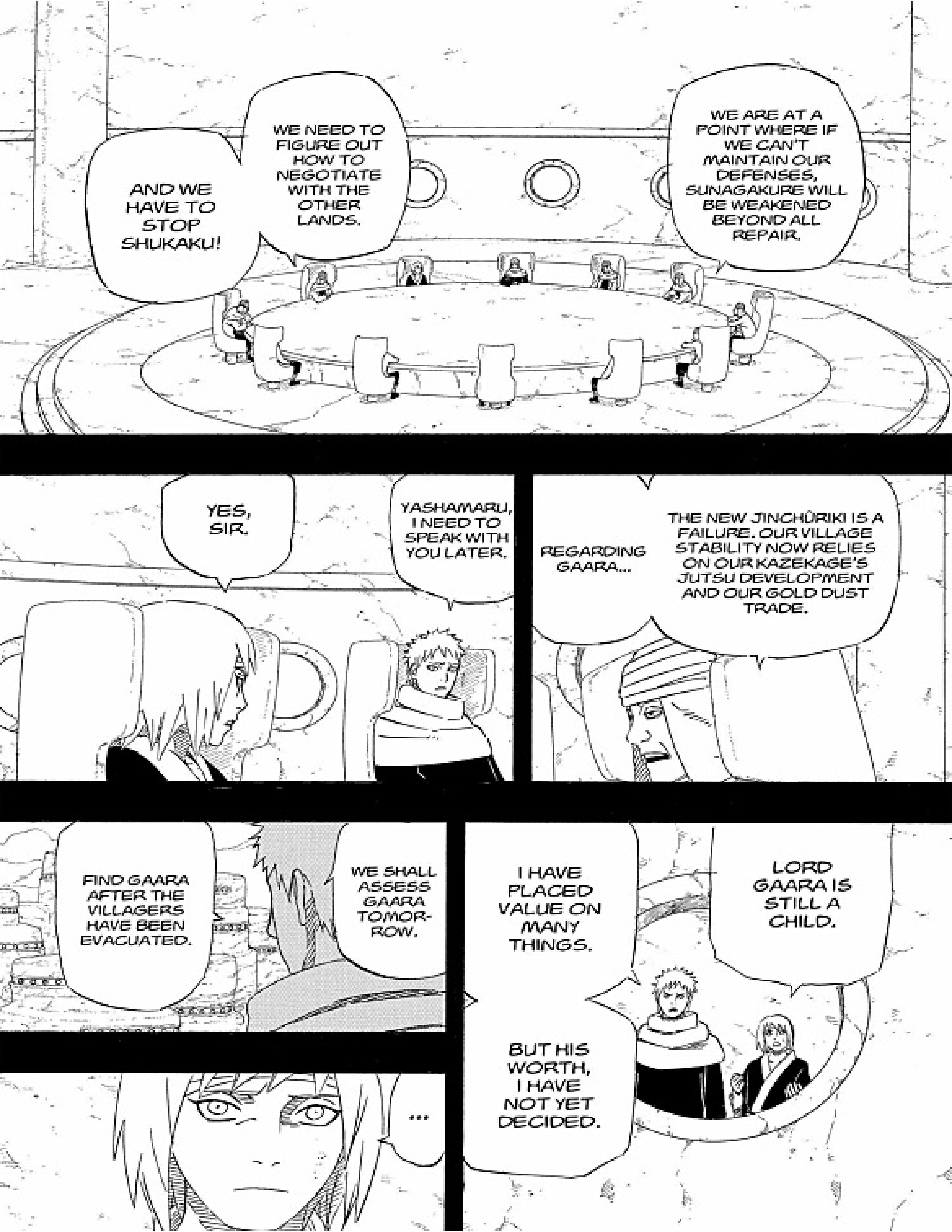

HE'S TOO SMALL. A PREMATURE BIRTH.
ARE YOU SURE HE'LL MAKE IT?
HE'S ADAPTING.
HUF
HUF


THIS IS OUR THIRD CHILD. SO FAR HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S COMPATIBLE.
HIS UPBRING-ING WILL REQUIRE GREAT CARE.


HUF
HUF
LET ME SEE MY BABY'S FACE.
HUF
HUF


SHUP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KARURA ?!


HUF
HUF
HE'S SO TINY.
FSH
LADY KARURA'S HEART RATE IS DROPPING.
DO SOME-THING! HURRY!!
...
...
THAT CHILD IS A FAILURE, AS WELL.
THE RAMPAGES HAVE BEGUN.
SIGH



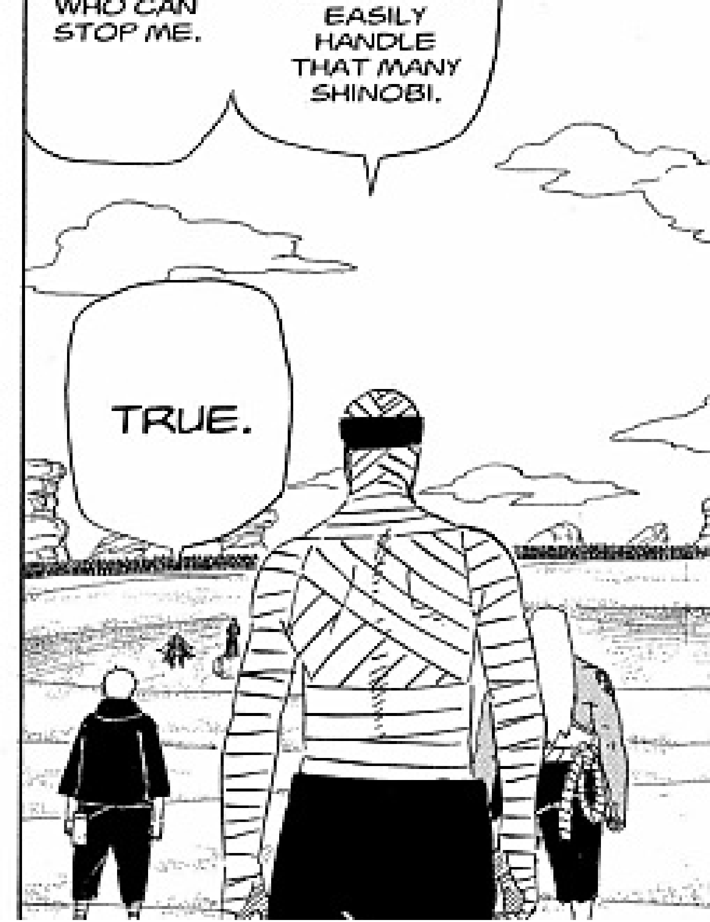
WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE IF WE CAN'T MAINTAIN OUR DEFENSES, SUNAGAKURE WILL BE WEAKENED BEYOND ALL REPAIR.
WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER LANDS.
AND WE HAVE TO STOP SHUKAKU!
THE NEW JINCHÛRIKI IS A FAILURE. OUR VILLAGE STABILITY NOW RELIES ON OUR KAZEKAGE'S JUTSU DEVELOPMENT AND OUR GOLD DUST TRADE.
REGARDING GAARA...
YASHAMARU, I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU LATER.
YES, SIR.
LORD GAARA IS STILL A CHILD.
I HAVE PLACED VALUE ON MANY THINGS.
BUT HIS WORTH, I HAVE NOT YET DECIDED.
WE SHALL ASSESS GAARA TOMORROW.
FIND GAARA AFTER THE VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED.
...


TELL HIM ABOUT HIS MOTHER. TEST HIM EMOTIONALLY.
IF HE DOESN'T GO BERSERK, I WON'T KILL HIM.
TELL HIM ABOUT MY SISTER?
ARE YOU SURE?
...
HE LOVES HIS MOTHER... KARURA.
BRING HER UP.
HE CAN'T BE JINCHŪRIKI IF HE CAN'T MAINTAIN CALM UNDER EMOTIONAL DURESS.


READ THIS WAY
HOWEVER. ELDER SISTER DID NOT NAME YOU THUS BECAUSE SHE LOVED OR WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
SHE GAVE YOU THAT NAME SO THAT YOU WOULD SURVIVE AND BE A REMINDER TO THE WORLD...
...A REMINDER OF HER HATRED. OF HOW SHE WENT TO HER DEATH LOATHING AND CURSING THE WORLD. REMIND THEM AND SHOW THEM ALL!
NO, YOU WERE NEVER LOVED!
RRR RR RROAR
A FAILURE.
GAARA IS USELESS.

BO

STOMP



YOU MUST REMEMBER WHAT I TAUGHT YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO ALLIES AFTER A VICTORY?

ONCE THE WAR IS OVER, THE ALLIANCE IS ALSO OVER. IT BECOMES ANOTHER FIGHT, BUT THIS TIME FOR THE SPOILS OF VICTORY.

THAT IS WHAT TRULY DECIDES WHICH VILLAGE IS THE VICTOR.




STOMP
...
THIS EDOTENSEI JUTSU.
IT MAY HAVE SOME MERIT AFTER ALL.
LET ME SEE, ONCE MORE, WHAT YOU MAY BE WORTH.
CAN YOU DEFEAT ME?!


I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF DOING ANY SUCH THING, LORD MU.
...
I SEE.
YOU'RE NOT SUCH AN OLD FOOL, THEN.
WE'RE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR OWN BODIES.
WE'RE SET TO AUTOMATICALLY COUNTER THE ENEMY JUTSU.
KILL US SO WE CAN REST IN PEACE.
WE'LL TELL YOU HOW!
BUT YOU HAVE TO STOP US!
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.


BOOM
BAM
BAM
SHDODOM
EVERY-ONE! AT EM!!
LET'S GO!!
YAH !!!


RRRRRROAR
SH
MOOOO
LRRRI
ZW
SWOOSH
SHOOM
SAND HAIL!!

SHOOOOM
!!
THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO
!!
HE FORCED ME TO LIFT THE GOLD DUST!
FOOSH



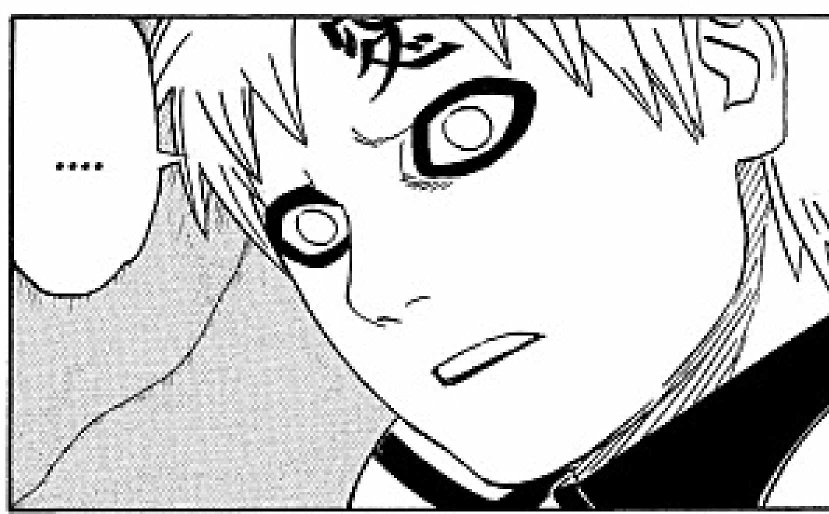
SHO
!
FSH
SWOOSH
!
THAT REALLY IS FATHER!!
YOU'VE TRULY GROWN UP... GAARA.
ZWW.
!

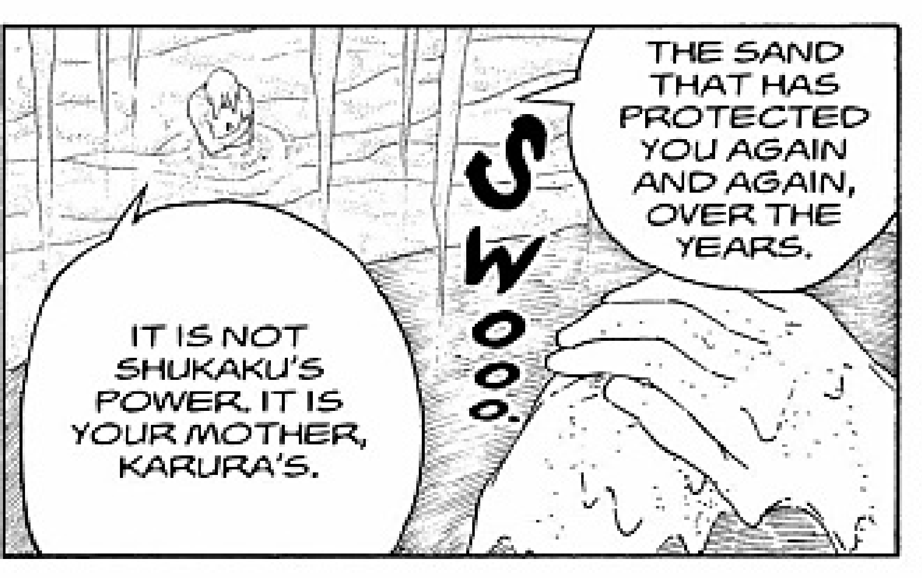


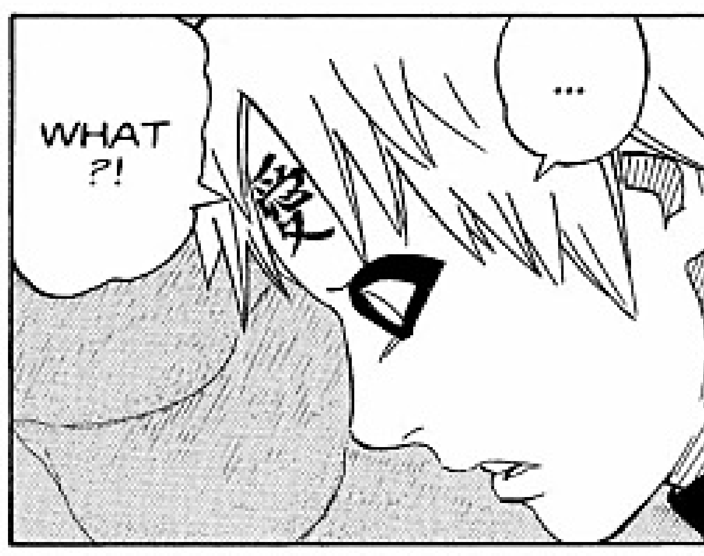
OOOOM
!
!!
THUD
KARURA!
YOU STILL LIVE ON INSIDE THIS CHILD.

JUST THAT LITTLE BIT IS THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE.
PARENTS OUGHT TO TRUST THEIR CHILDREN.



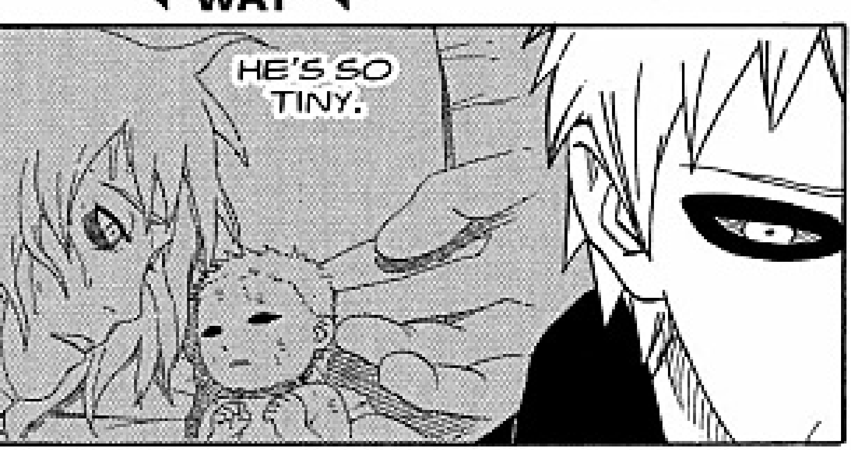












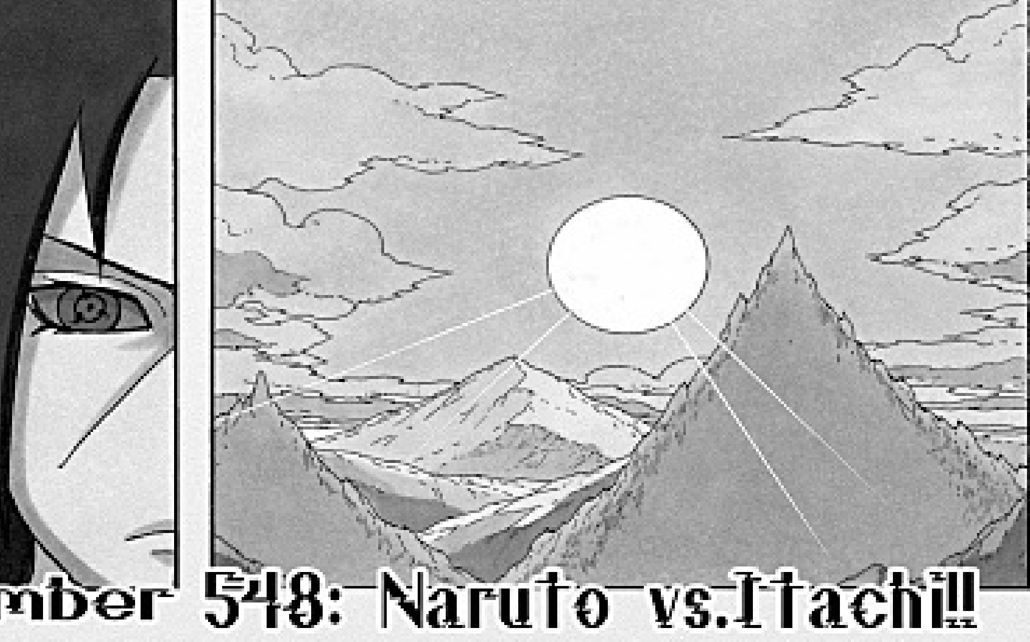


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YOUR MOTHER LOVED YOU.

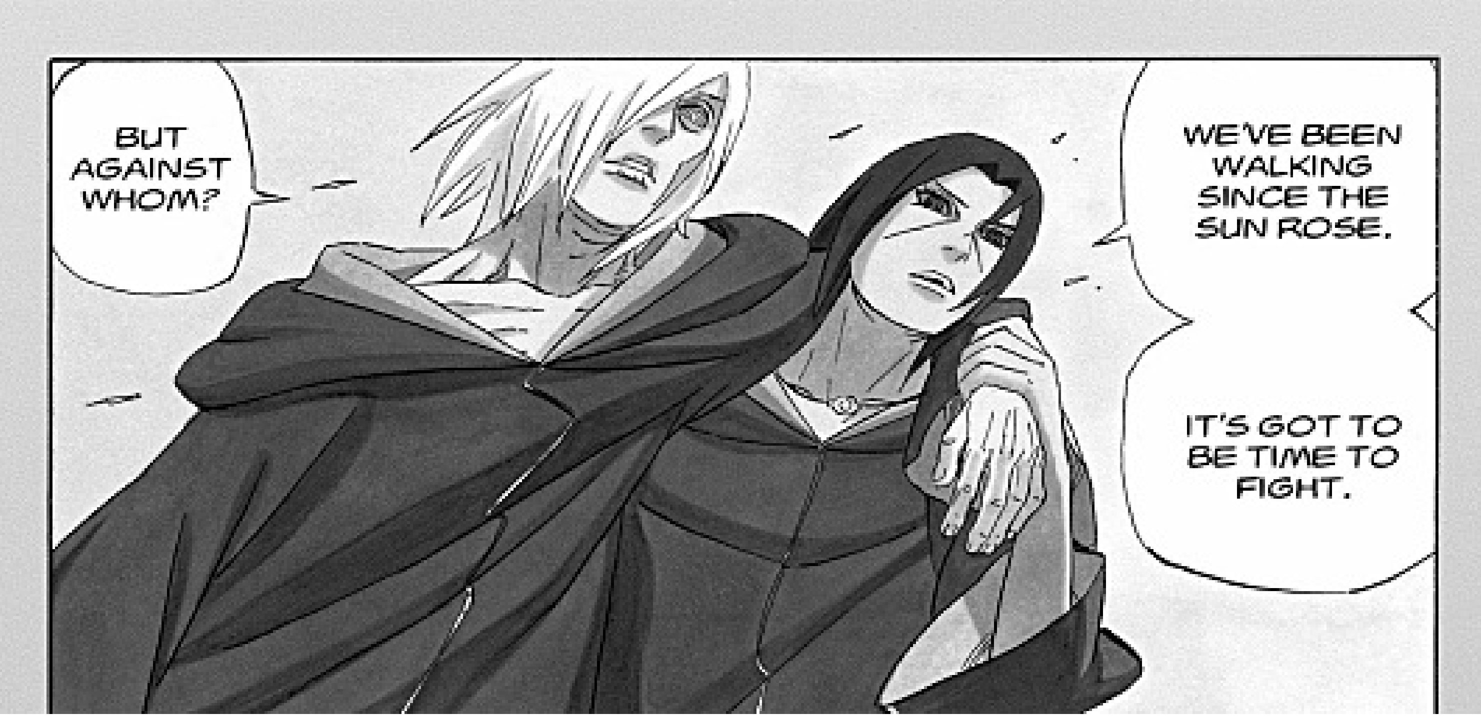

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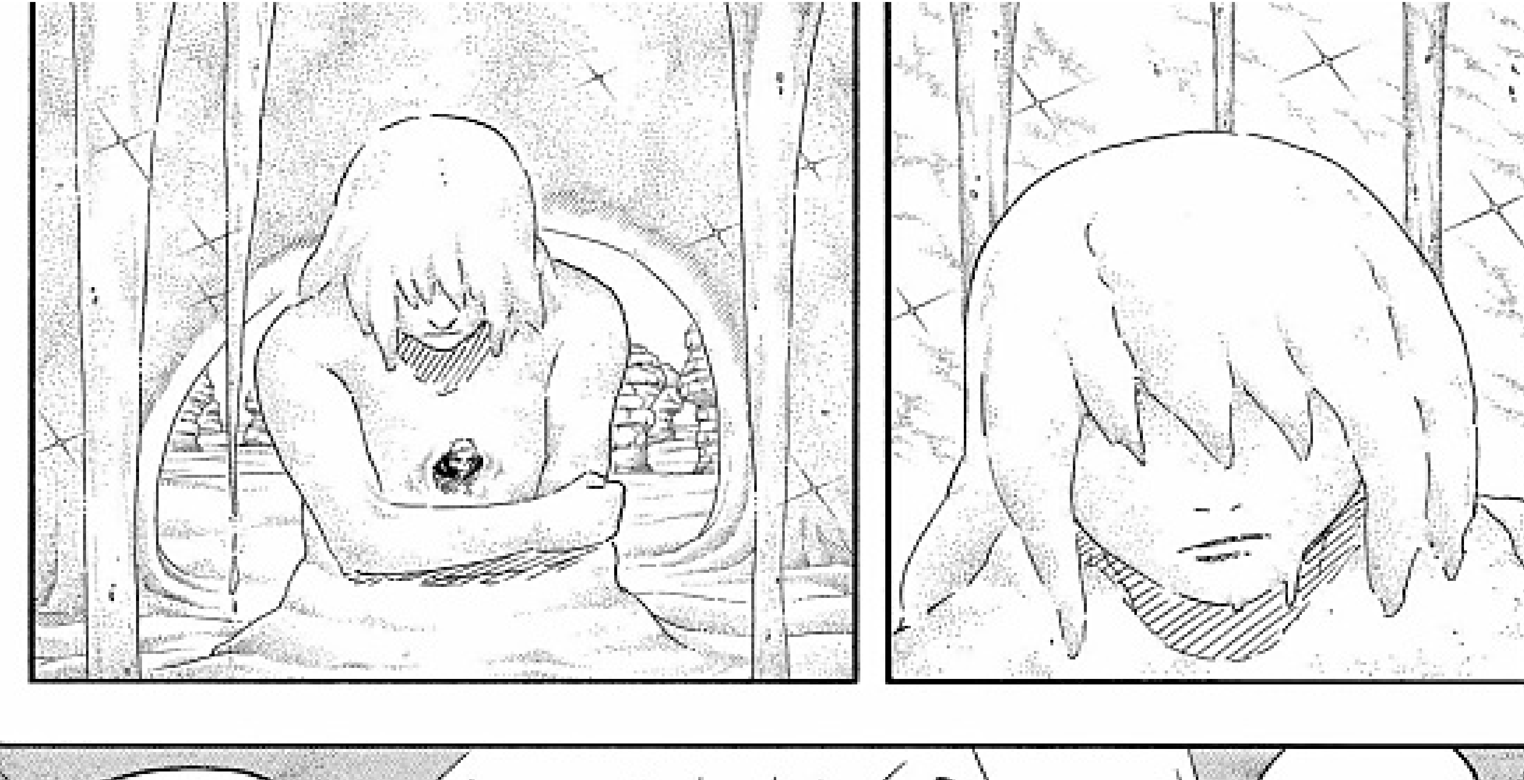





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NARUTO

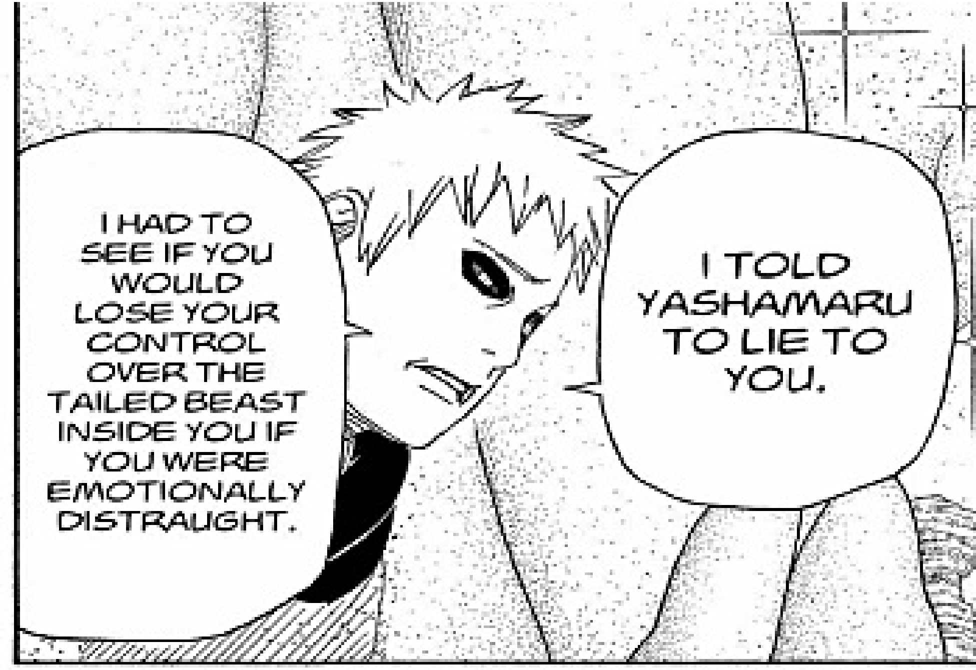



MOTHER ...
...LOVED ME?


...

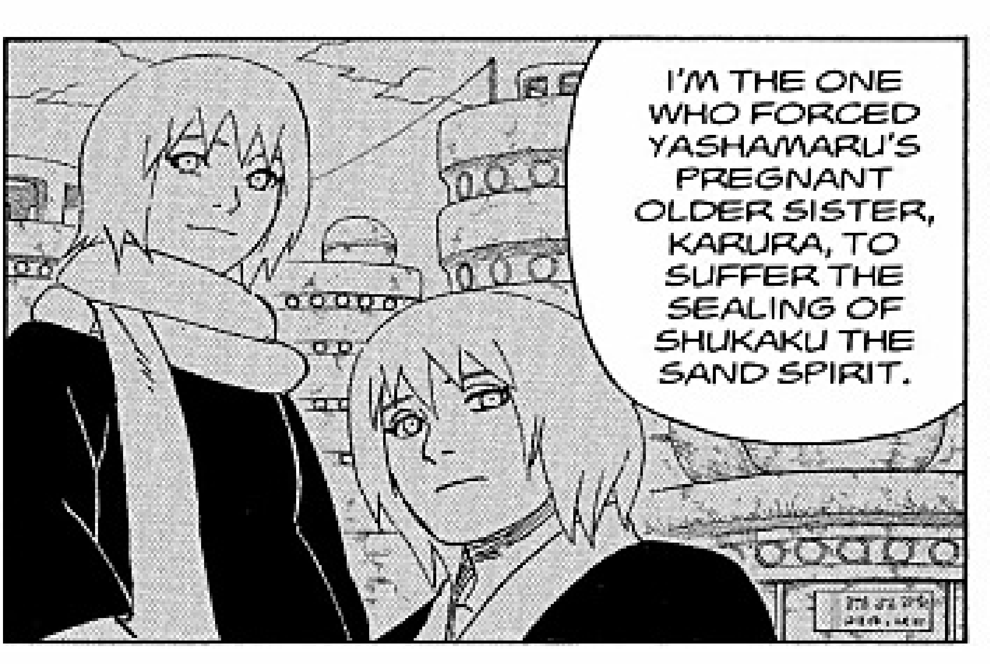

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BUT...

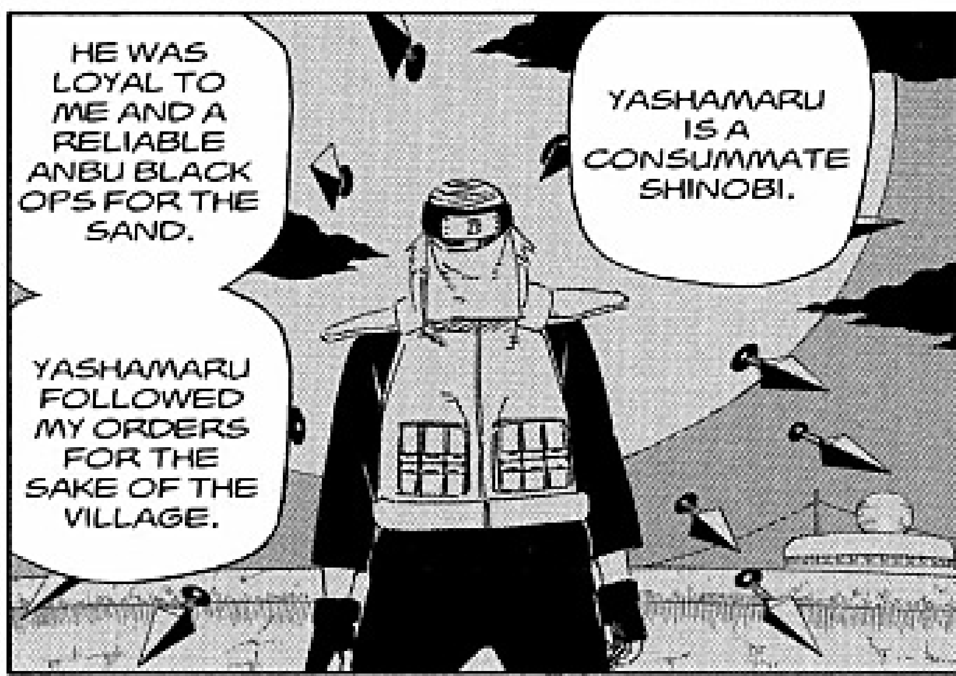

...WHEN YASHAMARU CAME AFTER ME.
NO, YOU WERE NEVER LOVED.


I TOLD YASHAMARU TO LIE TO YOU.
I HAD TO SEE IF YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR CONTROL OVER THE TAILED BEAST INSIDE YOU IF YOU WERE EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT.


...


YASHAMARU HATED ME.
HE DIDN'T HATE YOU.


I'M THE ONE WHO FORCED YASHAMARU'S PREGNANT OLDER SISTER, KARURA, TO SUFFER THE SEALING OF SHUKAKU THE SAND SPIRIT.

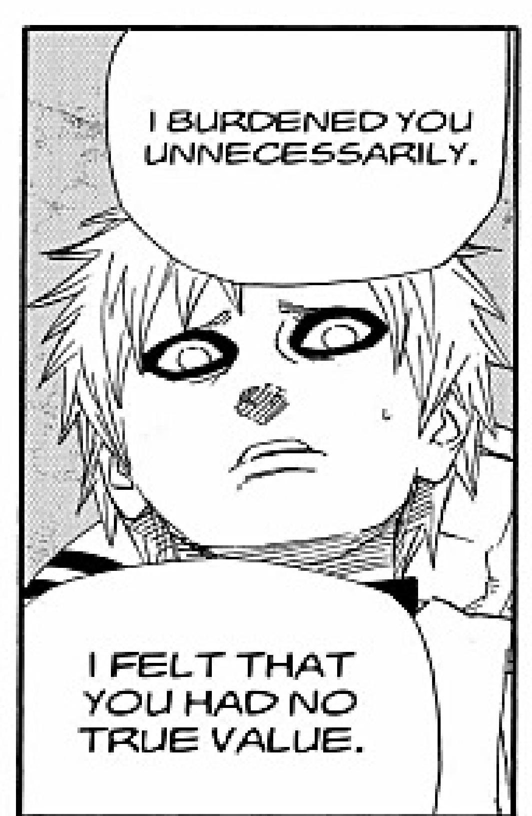

YASHAMARU IS A CONSUMMATE SHINOBI.
HE WAS LOYAL TO ME AND A RELIABLE ANBU BLACK OPS FOR THE SAND.
YASHAMARU FOLLOWED MY ORDERS FOR THE SAKE OF THE VILLAGE.



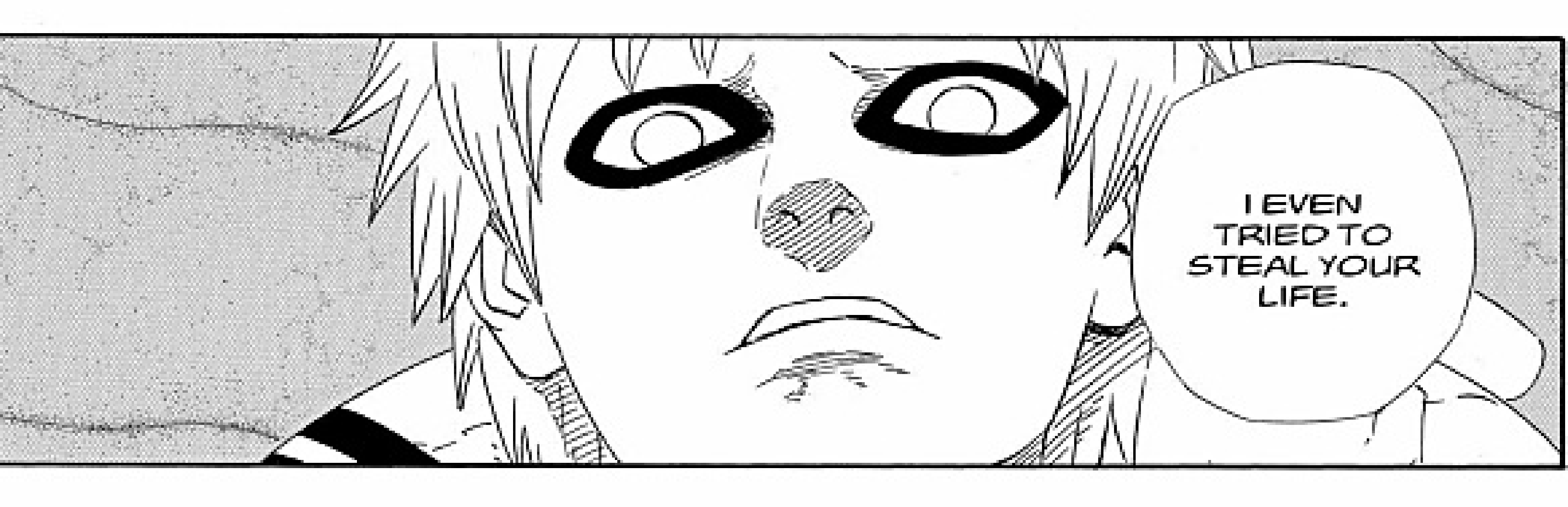

A MISTAKE.


READ THIS WAY


EVERYTHING I DID WAS A MISTAKE.


I BURDENED YOU UNNECESSARILY.
I FELT THAT YOU HAD NO TRUE VALUE.

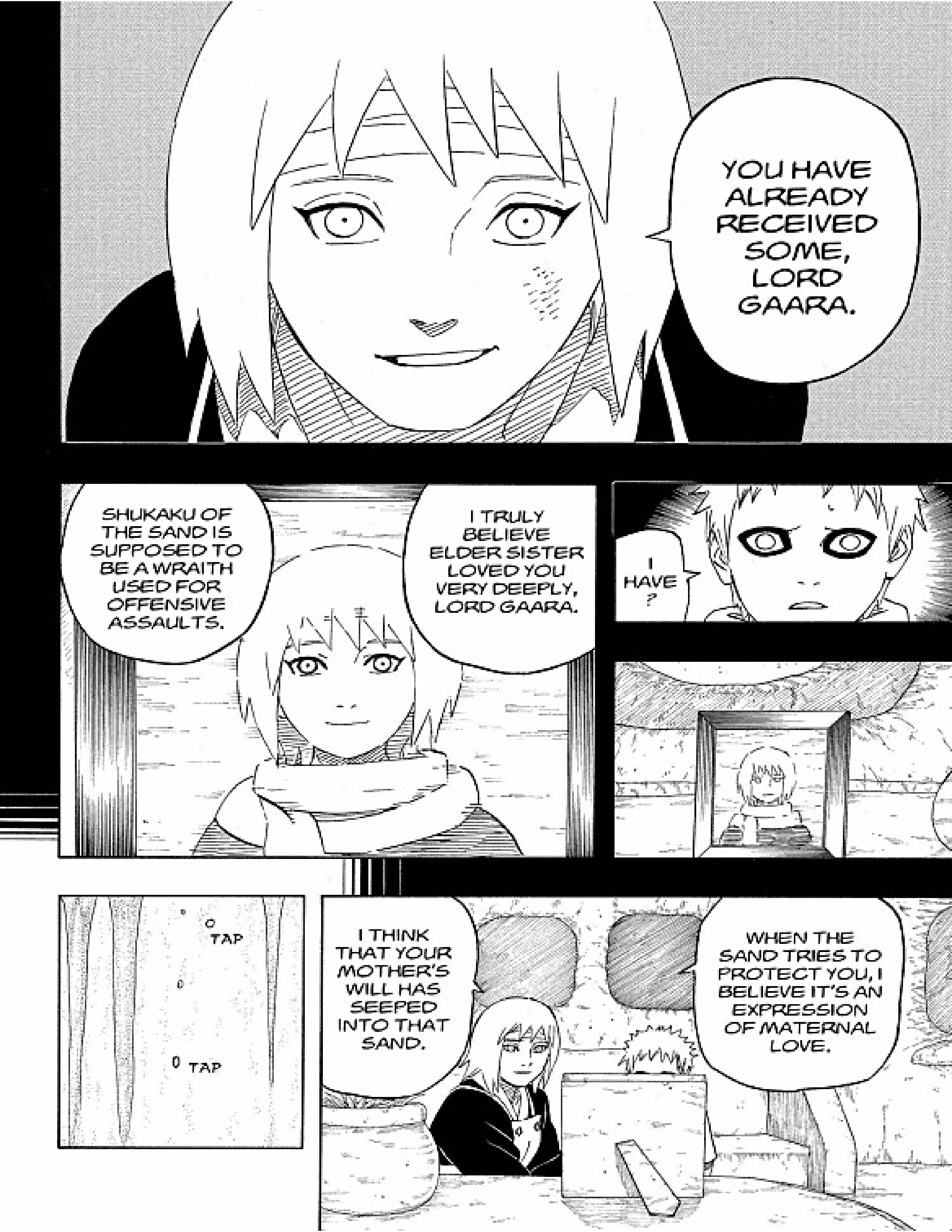

I MADE YOU A JINCHŪRIKI AND ROBBED YOU OF YOUR LIFE...
...RUINED YOUR AFFECTION FOR YOUR MOTHER.
I DESTROYED YOUR ABILITY TO LOVE OR EVEN KNOW OTHERS.


I EVEN TRIED TO STEAL YOUR LIFE.


IN THE END, I ONLY GAVE YOU ONE THING.


I GAVE YOU A BROKEN HEART.
IT DOESN'T BLEED.
BUT IT HURTS RIGHT HERE.
FSH
DRIBBLE
A WOUND OF THE BODY CERTAINLY BLEEDS. AND CAN BE PAINFUL.
BUT AS TIME PASSES, THE PAIN WILL FADE ON ITS OWN.
AND IF ONE USES MEDICINE, IT WILL HEAL EVEN FASTER.
BUT WHAT ARE TROUBLE-SOME ARE THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART.
THEY ARE EXTREMELY SLOW TO HEAL.
WOUNDS OF THE HEART?
WOUNDS OF THE HEART ARE A BIT DIFFERENT.
UNLIKE WOUNDS OF THE BODY, THERE ARE NO MEDICINES THAT CAN HELP THEM GET BETTER.
AND SOMETIMES, THEY NEVER EVER HEAL.

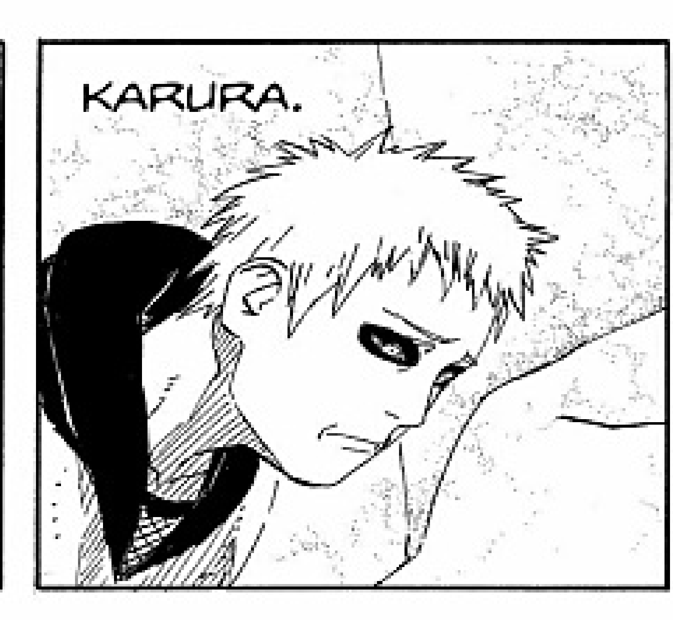

READ THIS WAY
...
THERE IS JUST ONE THING...
...THAT CAN EASE THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART.
...?
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S A BOTHERSOME CURE...
...FOR YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE IT FROM ANOTHER.
...
WHAT IS IT?
LOVE.
LOVE?
YES.
...
B...BUT, SO HOW CAN ONE RECEIVE IT?


YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME, LORD GAARA.
I HAVE?
I TRULY BELIEVE ELDER SISTER LOVED YOU VERY DEEPLY, LORD GAARA.
SHUKAKU OF THE SAND IS SUPPOSED TO BE A WRAITH USED FOR OFFENSIVE ASSAULTS.
WHEN THE SAND TRIES TO PROTECT YOU, I BELIEVE IT'S AN EXPRESSION OF MATERNAL LOVE.
I THINK THAT YOUR MOTHER'S WILL HAS SEEPED INTO THAT SAND.
TAP
TAP


ELDER SISTER MUST HAVE WANTED TO PROTECT YOU...
...EVEN UNTO HER DEATH.


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SPSH
SPSH
SPSH


READ
THIS
WAY


KARURA.


MOTHERS ARE POWERFUL.
YOURS BELIEVED IN AND PROTECTED YOU EVEN AFTER DEATH.
SHE'S WHO MADE YOU WHO YOU ARE TODAY.

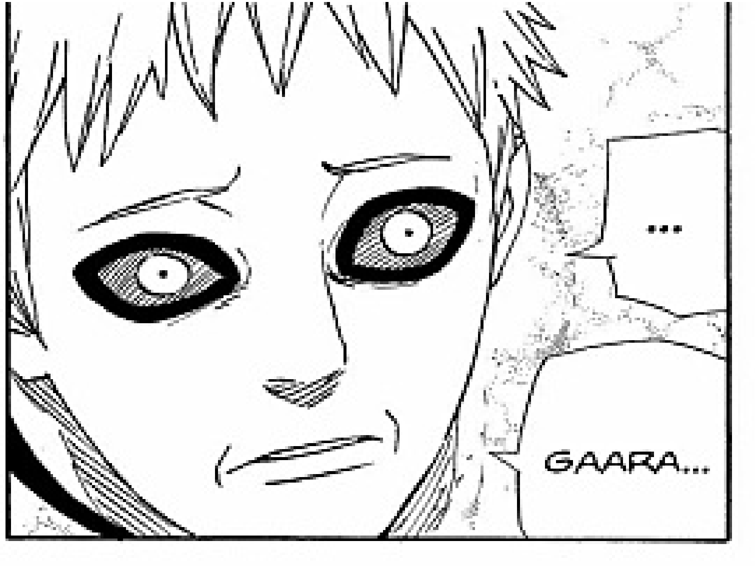

SHE ALLOWED YOU TO REACH YOUR DESTINED ROLE AS KAZEKAGE.
SHE GAVE YOU THE ABILITY TO MAKE FRIENDS.
YOU'VE BONDED WITH YOUR SIBLINGS, YOUR FRIENDS.


I, YOUR FATHER, NEVER DID ANYTHING GOOD FOR YOU.
IT'S A CRUEL JOKE THAT I EVEN CLAIM TO BE YOUR FATHER.


YOU NOW HAVE ALL THAT I ORIGINALLY TOOK FROM YOU.

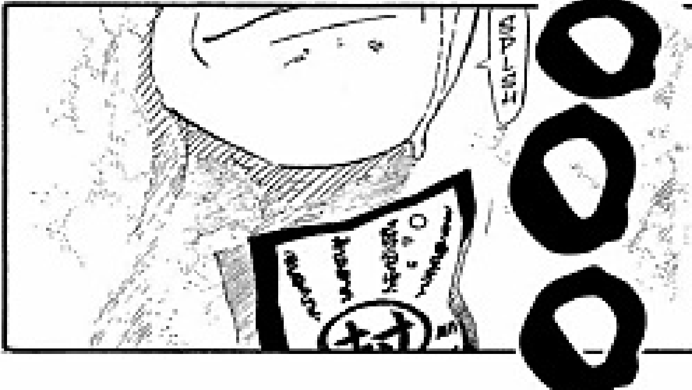

...
MY MOTHER WAS WONDERFUL.


...!

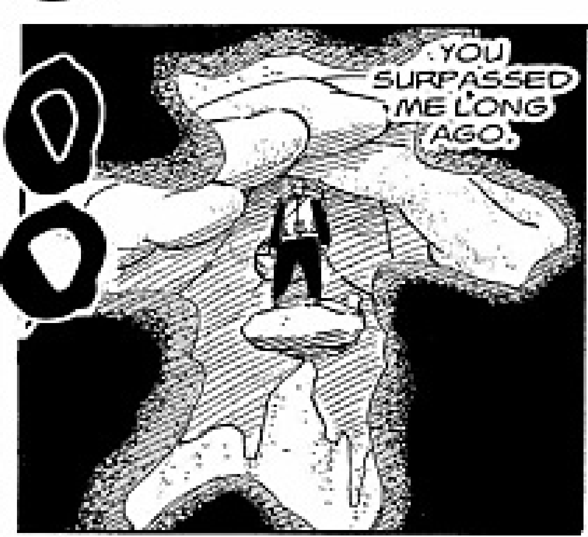


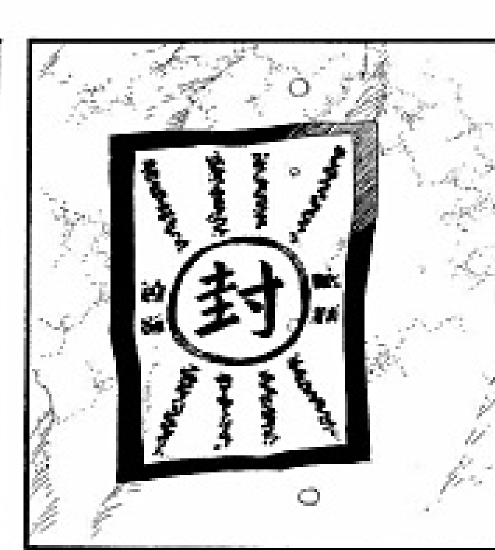
SHE GAVE ME THE MEDICINE THAT YOU GAVE HER TO GIVE ME.





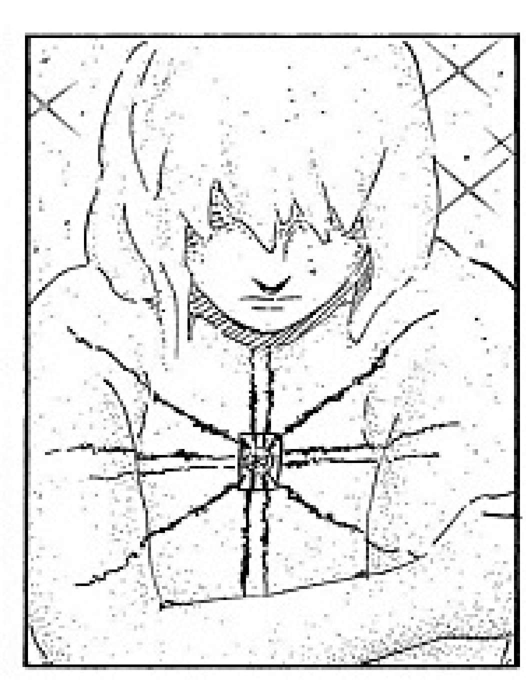







READ THIS WAY


SPLOSH




SEALING TAGS!
WELL DONE, YOUNG KAZEKAGE!


SLASH

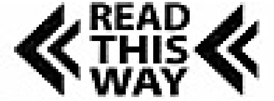

SKRSH

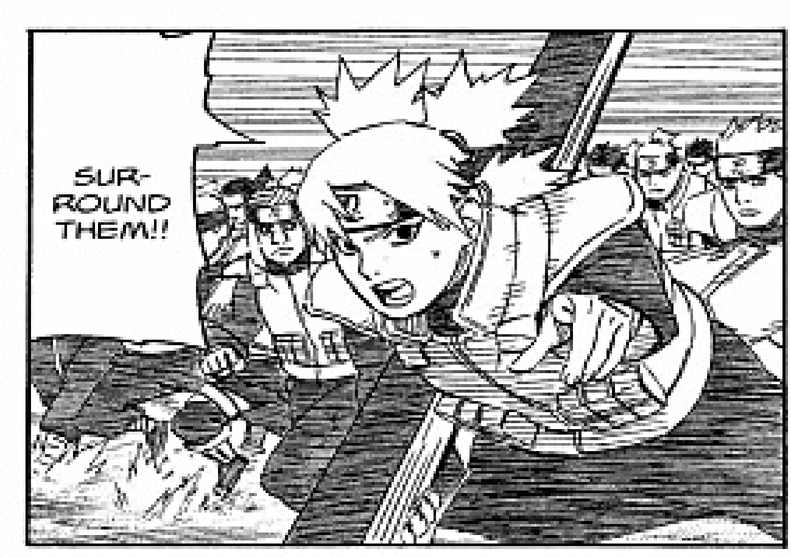

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
BLOP

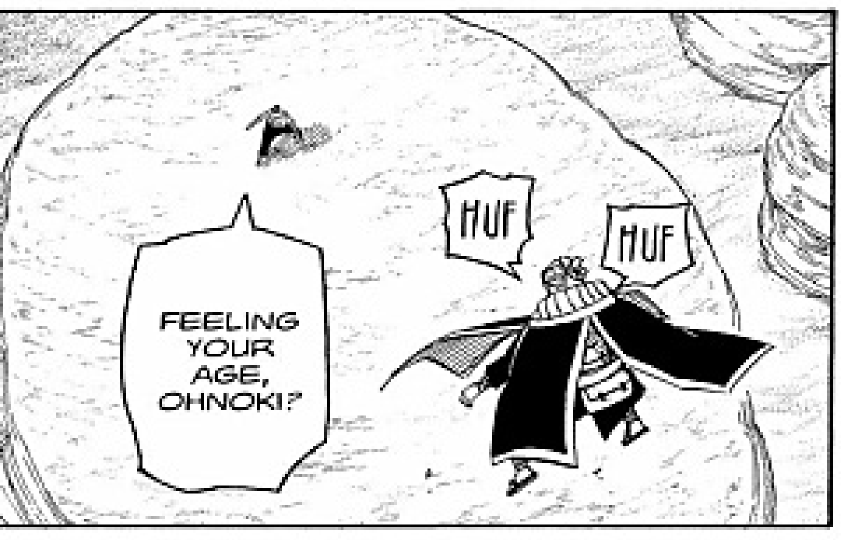

OUR BODIES ARE PRO-GRAMMED...
...TO AUTOMATICALLY COUNTER OFFENSIVE JUTSU!



RRRAAW WRR
SHOOM
BLAM
AAAAH!!





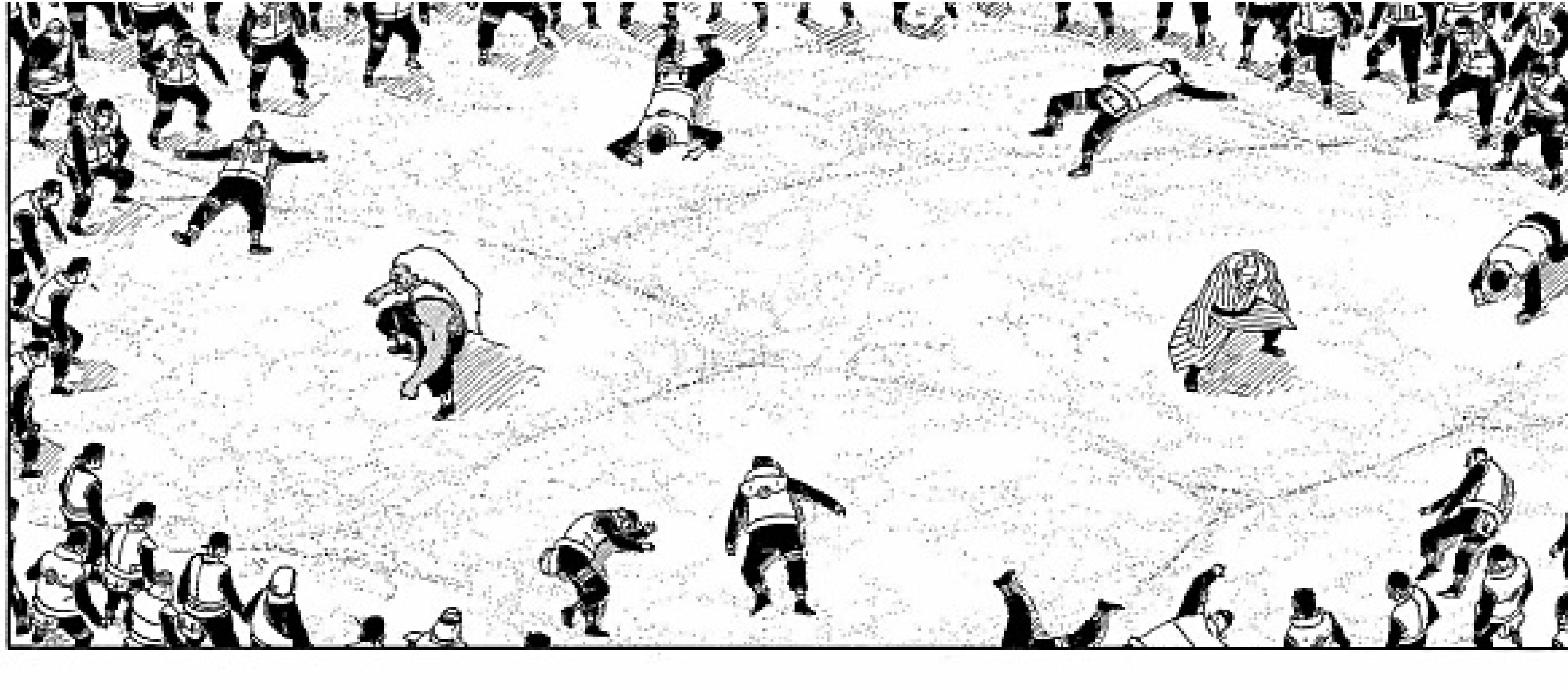








WITHOUT THE KAZEKAGE'S HELP, YOU'LL SURELY DIE, OHNOKI.




HEY! DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY JUTSU!
YOU SERIOUSLY NEED TO STAND BACK!!
HERE ARE MY WEAK-NESSES!


I'M A SHADOW STYLE NINJA.
AND MY SUMMON-ING CREATURE IS...


WH
AP


...A GIANT CLAM!!
BOOF
!!
WAAH!!


READ
THIS
WAY


BZZZZ
I'M LIGHTNING STYLE!
ZZZ
ATTACK ME WITH YOUR EARTH STYLE NINJA!!


THANKS FOR THE INTEL!


ANY MORE DETAIL FOR ME?!

MY BODY MOVES OF ITS OWN ACCORD!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR MORE TALK!


DON'T COUNT THE OLD MAN OUT JUST YET!!
ZW-ZW-
STONE DOPPELGANGER JUTSU!!
ZW-ZW-
ZW-


SWSH


ZWOOSH



!!

?!!

WHAM

UCHIHA ITACHI!

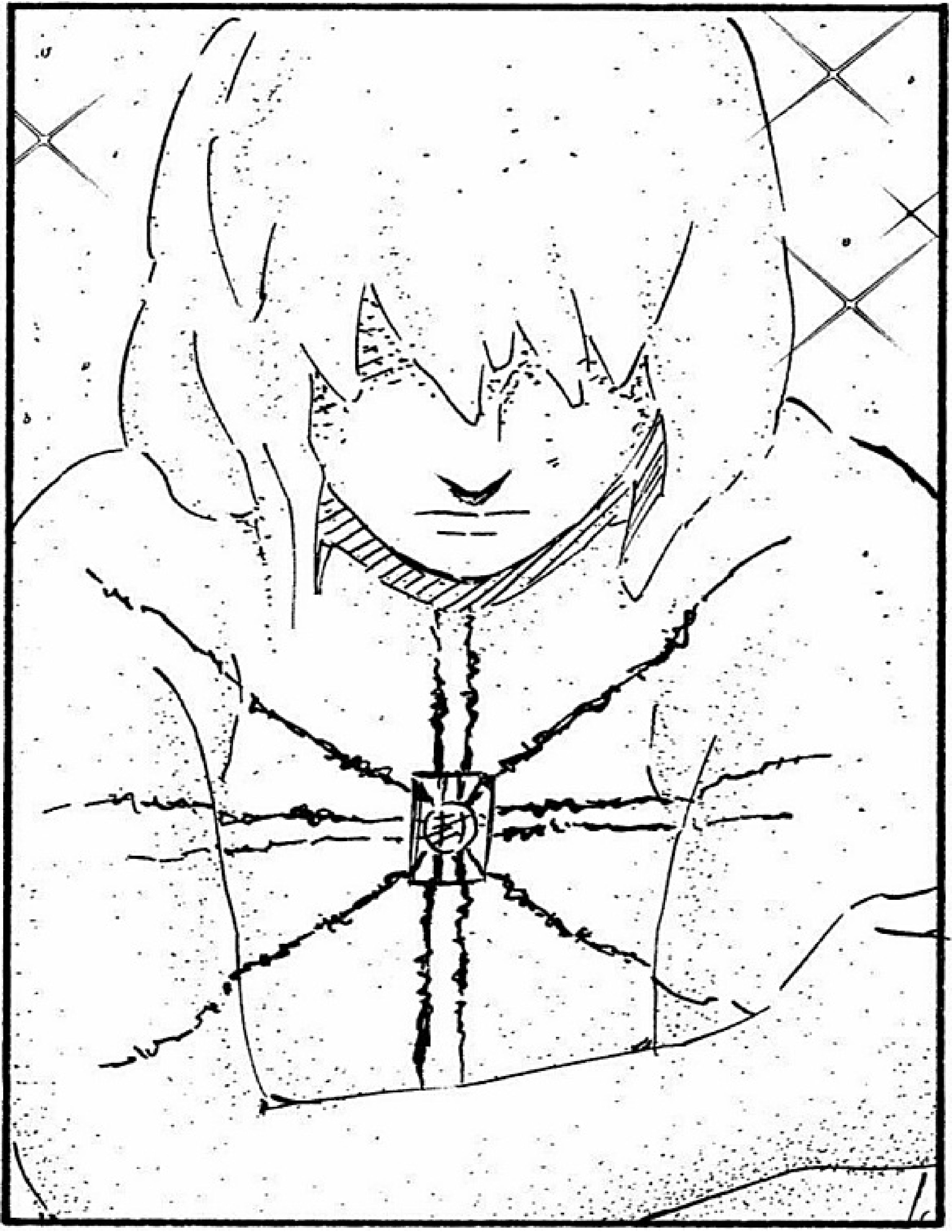
NAGATO !!

KNOW THESE GUYS, NARUTO?

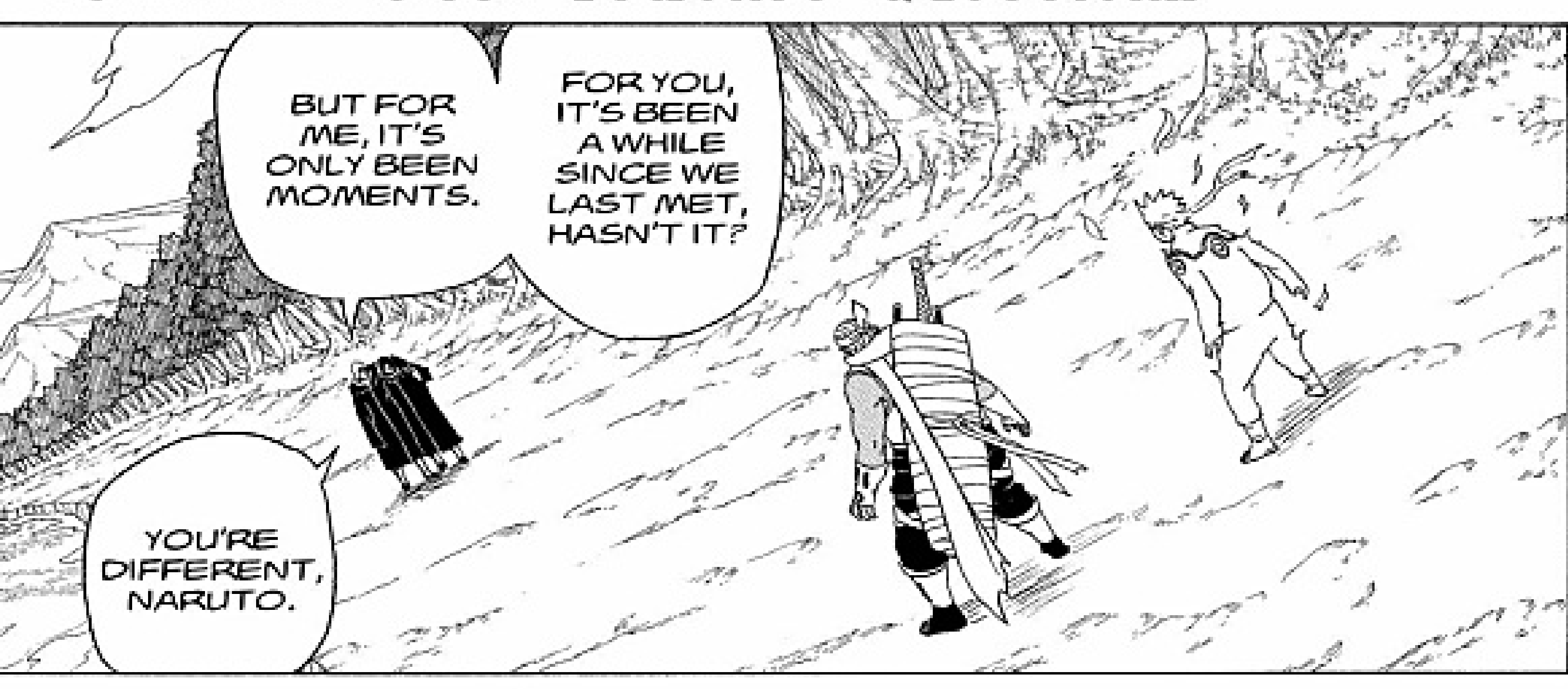
YEAH, BOTH OF THEM!

NEVER WOULD I HAVE THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO BATTLE YOU AGAIN...

... NARUTO!

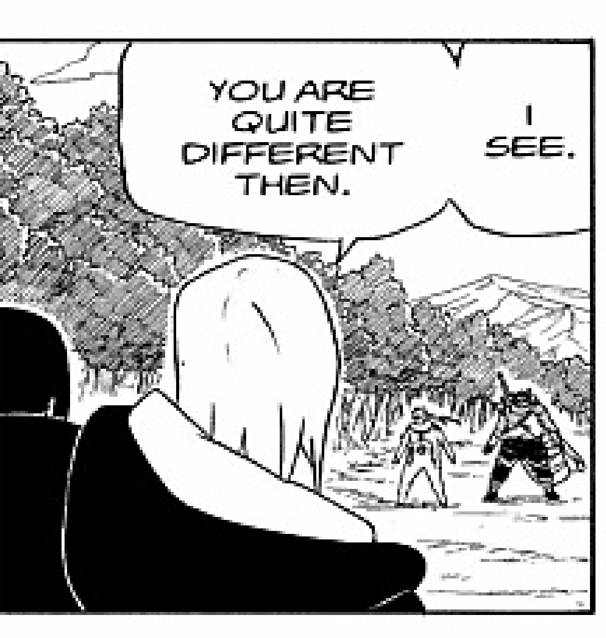


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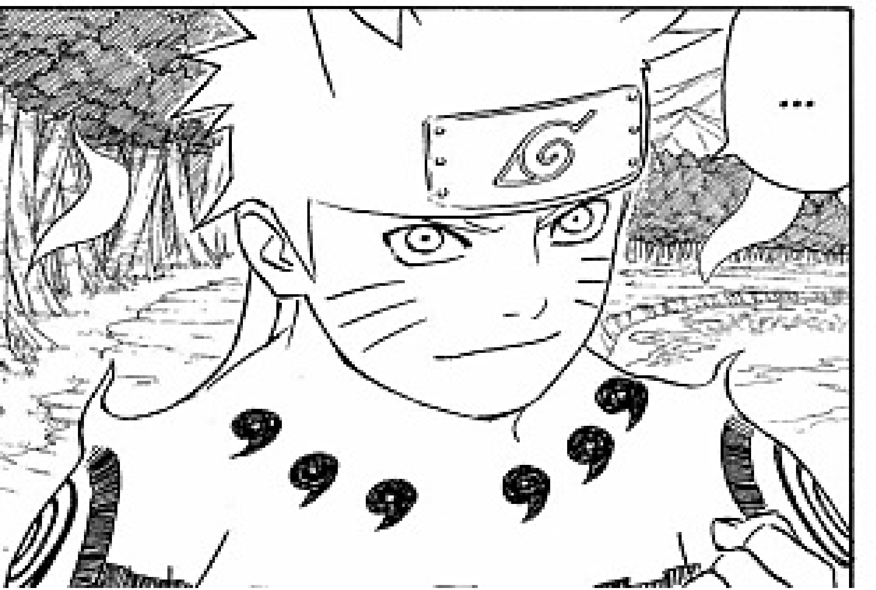




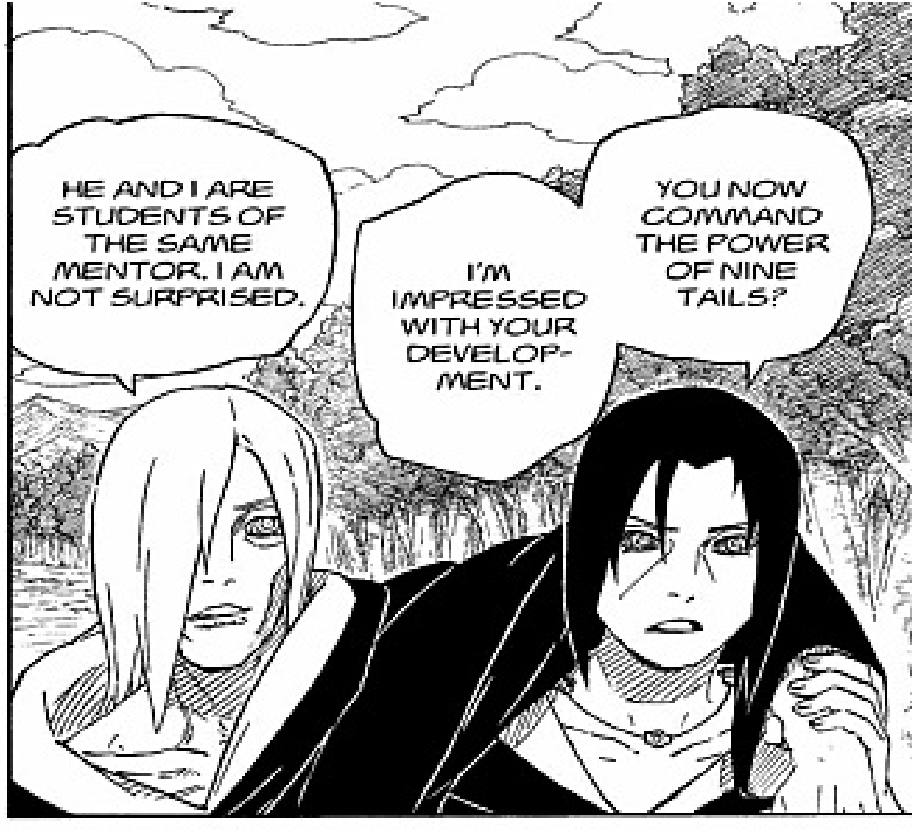


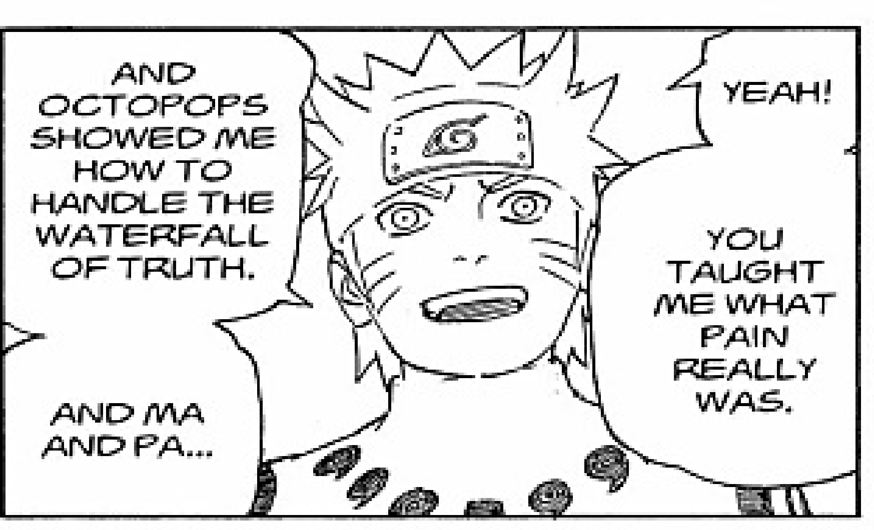


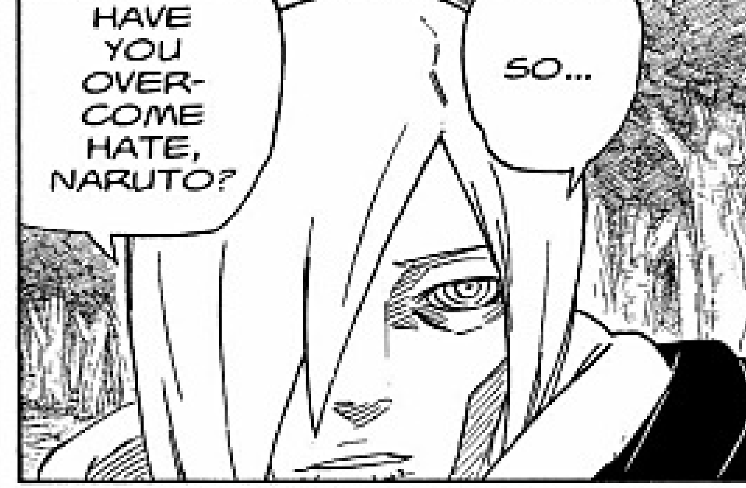




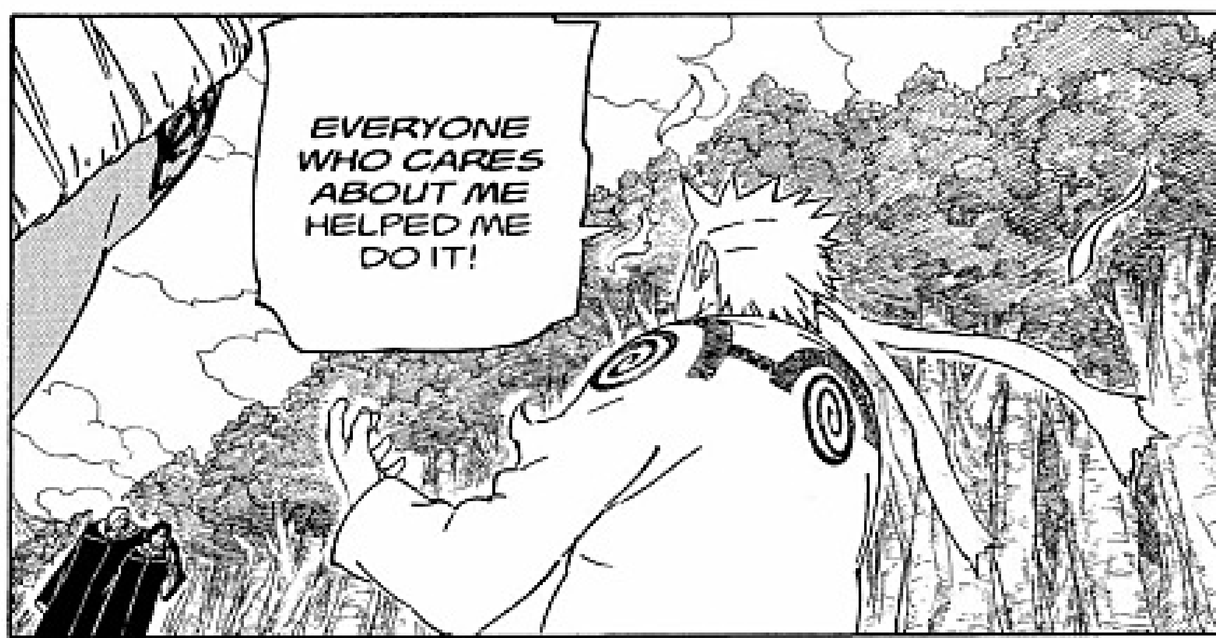

I MADE HIM BE WHAT HE COULD BE♪ TALK ALL YOU WANT, HIS CONTROL IS THANKS TO ME♪
NO WAY!!


YOU NOW COMMAND THE POWER OF NINE TAILS?
I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR DEVELOP-MENT.
HE AND I ARE STUDENTS OF THE SAME MENTOR. I AM NOT SURPRISED.


YEAH!
YOU TAUGHT ME WHAT PAIN REALLY WAS.
AND OCTOPOPS SHOWED ME HOW TO HANDLE THE WATERFALL OF TRUTH.
AND MA AND PA...


SO...
HAVE YOU OVER-COME HATE, NARUTO?


...

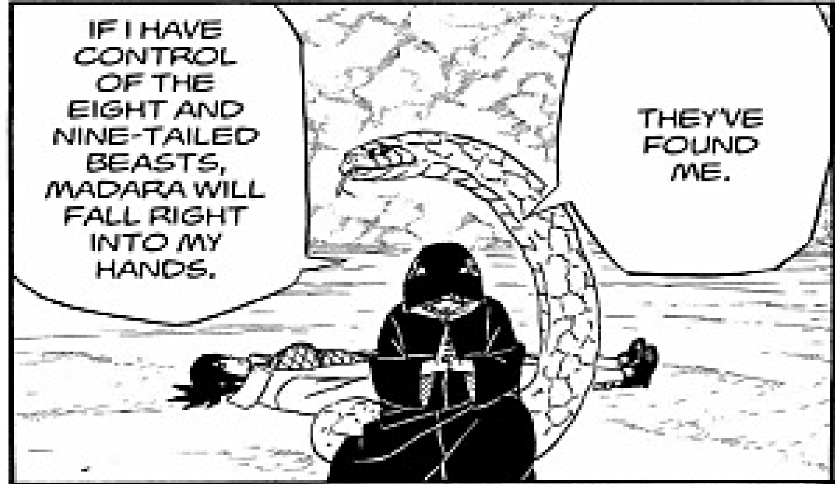

EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT ME HELPED ME DO IT!


READ THIS WAY

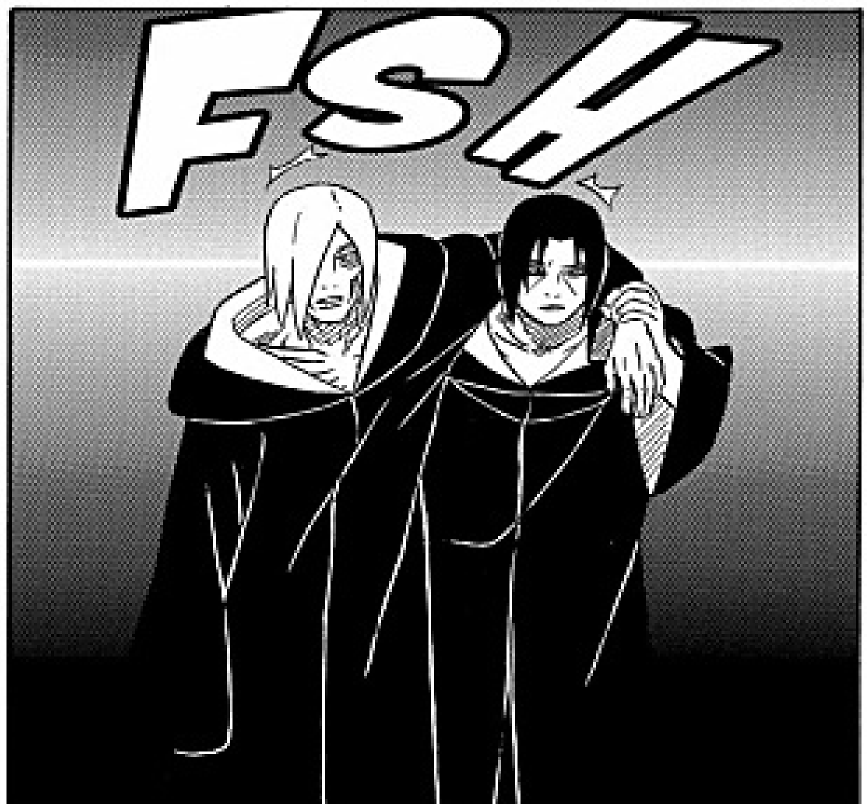

NARUTO, I MUST ASK...


!
HEY, I GOT STUFF TO ASK YOU TOO!

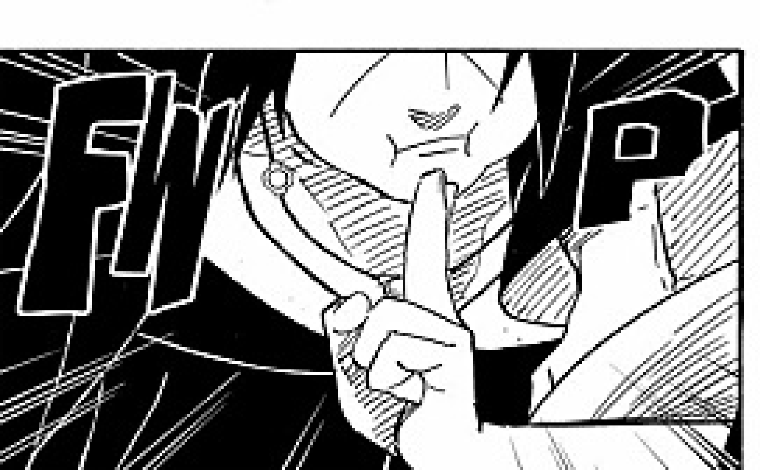



THEY'VE FOUND ME.
IF I HAVE CONTROL OF THE EIGHT AND NINE-TAILED BEASTS, MADARA WILL FALL RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.


TOO BAD I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIS STUPID EXPRESSION OF SHOCK UNDER THAT RIDICULOUS MASK WHEN HE FIGURES OUT I'VE WON! HAHAHAA...


FSH


?!


FWP


FIRE STYLE! FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!
VOOSH
YO!!
FSSSHOW


READ
THIS
WAY


FOOOOSH


THUNK
SKREEEE!
OKAY, THAT WAS HOT.
DIDN'T MEAN TO BURN, WHEN WILL I LEARN?' ♪


SAME-HADA.
SO KISAME IS DEAD.

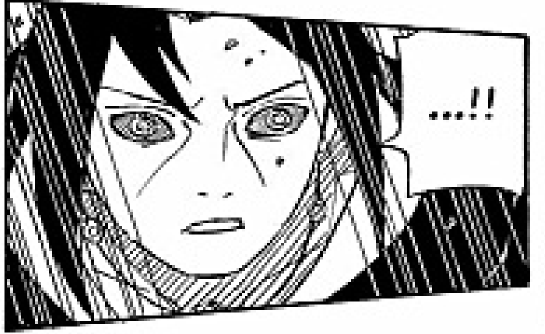

BUT HE'S STILL TALKING!
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. HE'S STILL BEING CONTROLLED!


ABOVE YOU!
BOOF

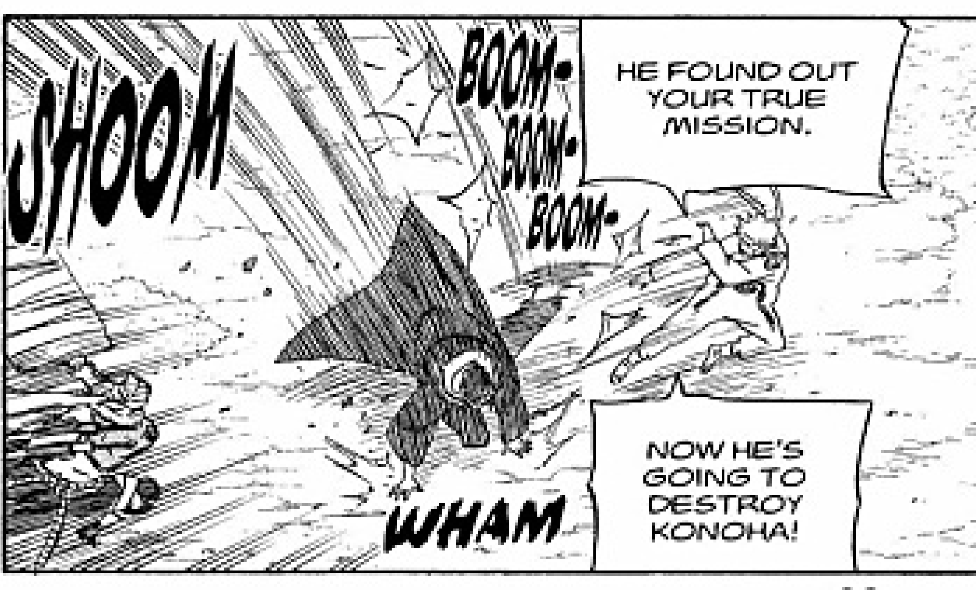

I SEE HIM!
BAM
?!!

BOOM
WHERE IS SASUKE?!
WHAM
UNGH!

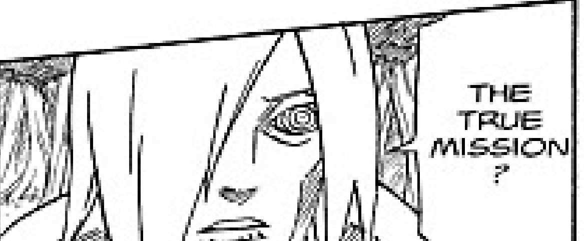













MADARA!
MADARA TOLD ME THE TRUTH!
WHAM
WHOOSH
SCREECH
...
DID HE?

WAS MADARA TELLING THE TRUTH?!

THE UCHIHA CLAN WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER THE VILLAGE.

ENOUGH, NARUTO.

ITACHI!

IS WHAT NARUTO SAYS TRUE?

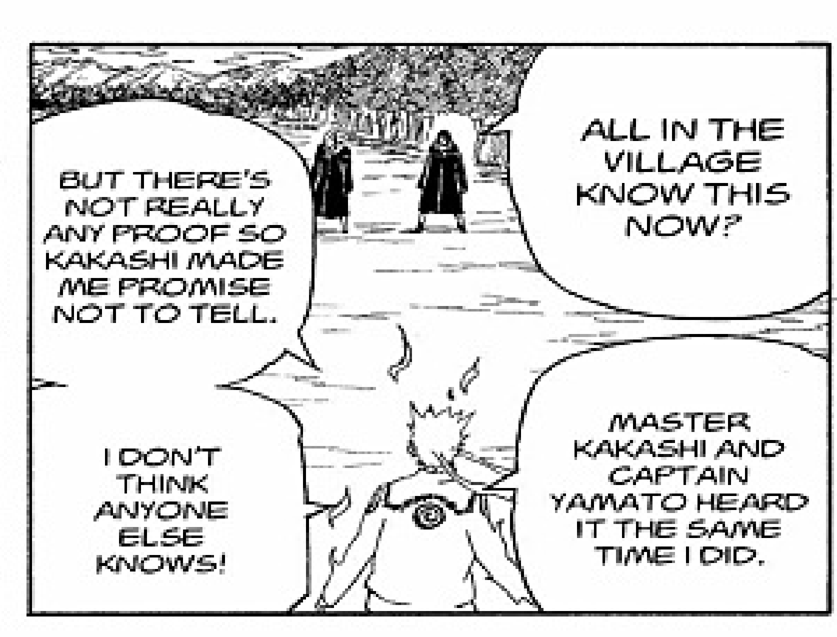
ITACHI MADE HIMSELF LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUY TO SAVE SASUKE AND KONOHA!

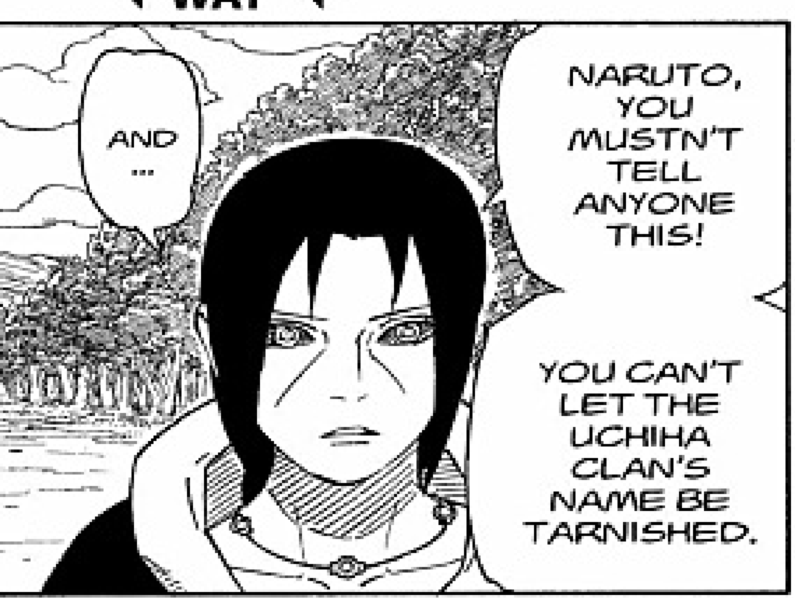
SASUKE KNOWS HOW MUCH THAT MADE YOU SUFFER!!





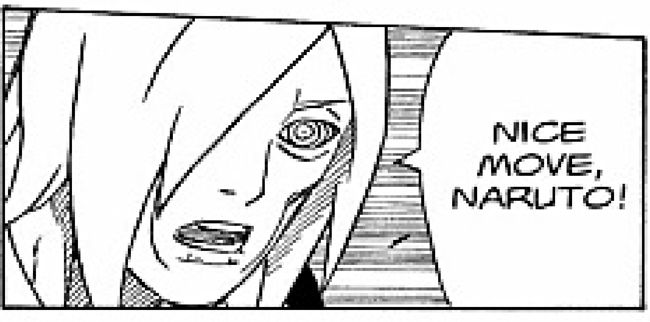




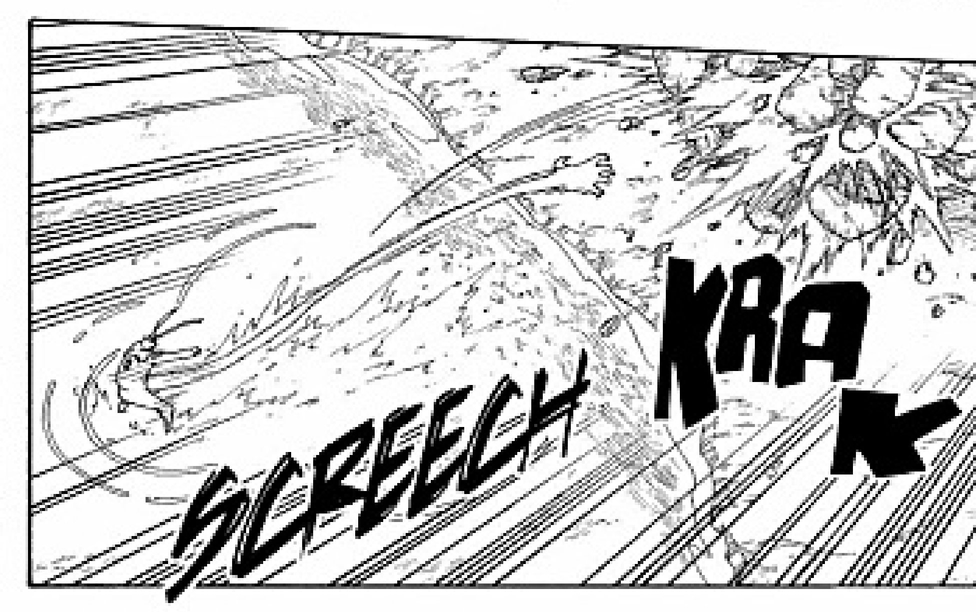


!!
FISH
OH NO. MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN.
UNIVERSAL PULL!!
WAH!
WOOSH
VOOSH
ZWP

WHAP

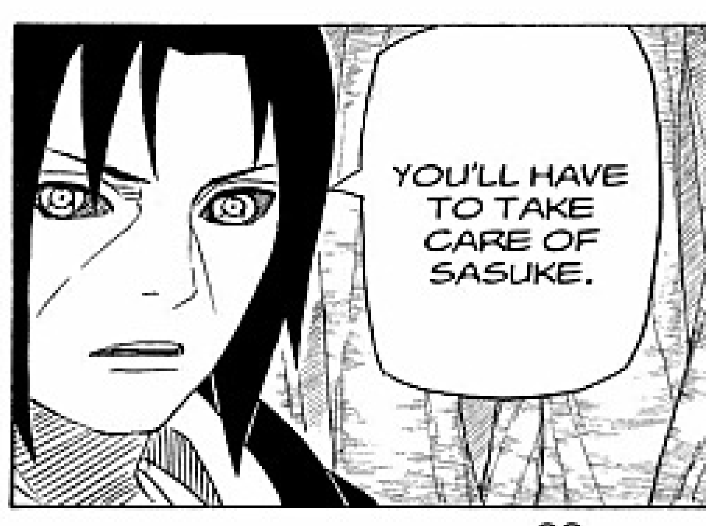

NICE MOVE, NARUTO!


I'M A LOT STRONGER NOW THAN WHEN I FOUGHT PAIN!


SCREECH
KRAK

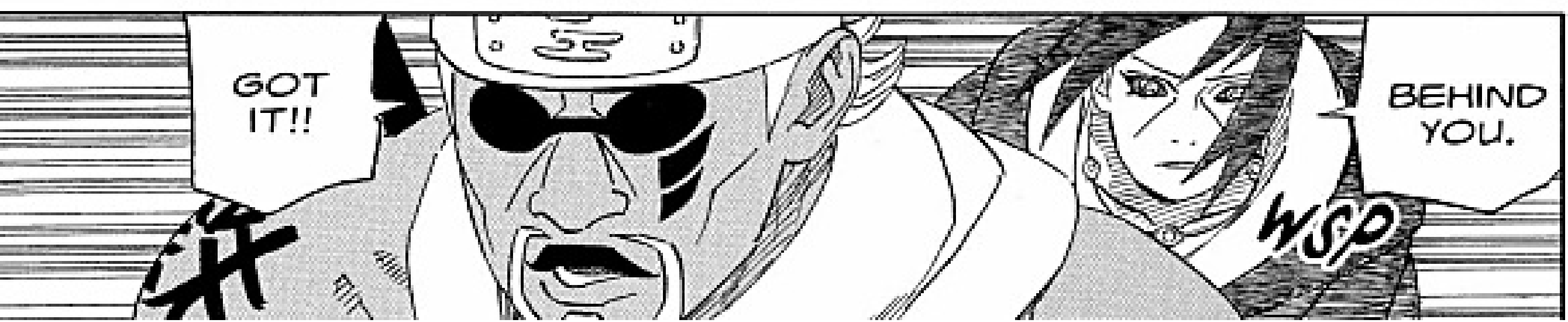

I WAS RIGHT TO BELIEVE YOU COULD FINISH THIS.


I WAS ALWAYS GONNA!


YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SASUKE.


READ THIS WAY

...?
NARUTO, GET ME AWAY FROM HERE!
I CAN'T MOVE ON MY OWN ANYMORE!
!
WMP
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING!!
WMP
OR MAYBE I CAN!
BOOF
WHAT'S THAT?


BEHIND YOU.
WSP
GOT IT!!



FIRE STYLE! ART OF THE PHOENIX FLOWER!! HOSENKA !!!
PFOO
ZWISH
SCREECH



YEOWCH, HOT!!

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

BOP

BOOM

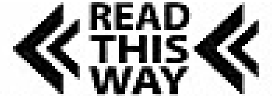
GOTCHA!

FOOL!


WAP
GENJUTSU!
DON'T LOOK AT MY EYES!
FSH
WHOOSH
WAKE UP!!
OW!
DOINK
WSP
WHOO HOO--! SAME-HADA!


WHOOSH
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
SHOOOOM


HE KEEPS GOING!!
HE MULTIPLIES EVERY TIME YOU HIT HIM!
YOU'VE GOT TO KNOCK ME OUT FIRST!
RAWR!!
!
KLA-KLA-KLA-KLA-KLA-
KACHINGG
BAM
BAM


READ THIS WAY


SWOOO...


WATCH OUT, OCTOPOPS! IF YOU GET HIT WITH EITHER AMATERASU OR TSUKUYOMI, IT'S OVER!
MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!
BAM


WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.
SSH


?!
UNH!

GUH...



?!!

SHWOO

URRG--

CAW
--!!

WAP

IT'S
OUT.

?!

!!

DID HE DO
SOMETHING
TO NARUTO
WITH HIS
OCULAR
POWERS?!

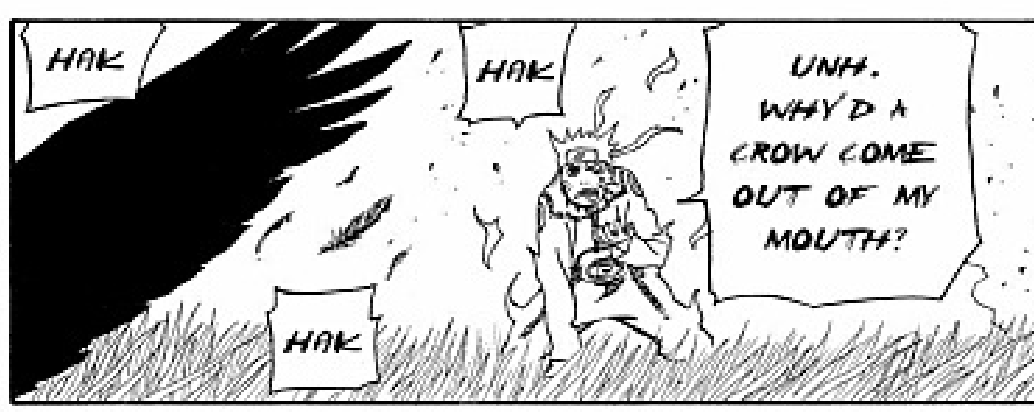
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URRARGH!!

SHWOP

CAW --!!

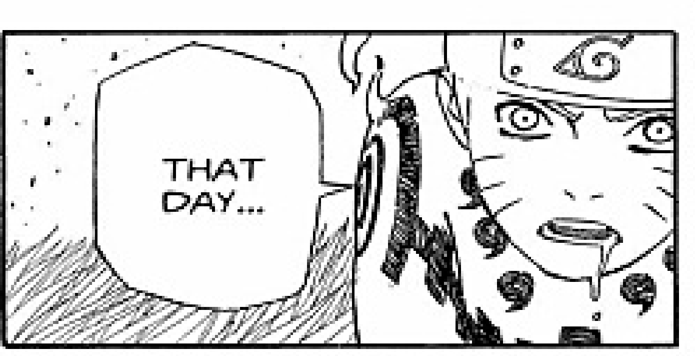
WHAP



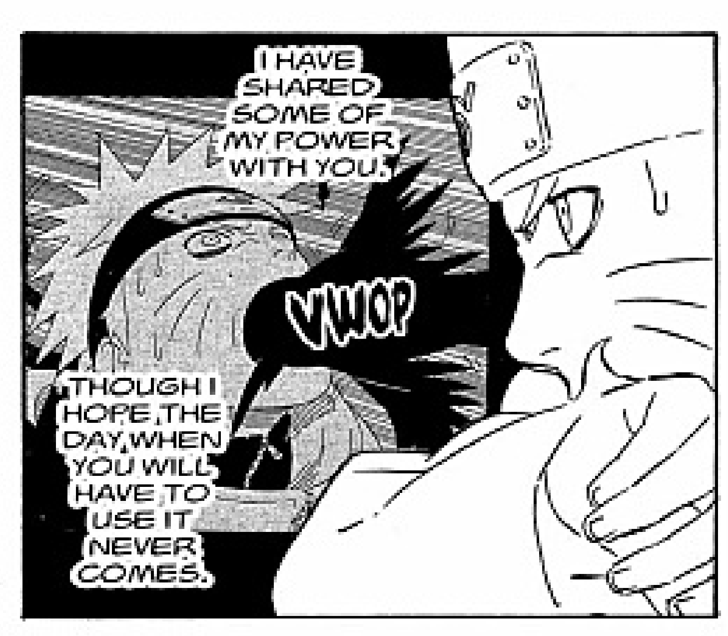
















NO!

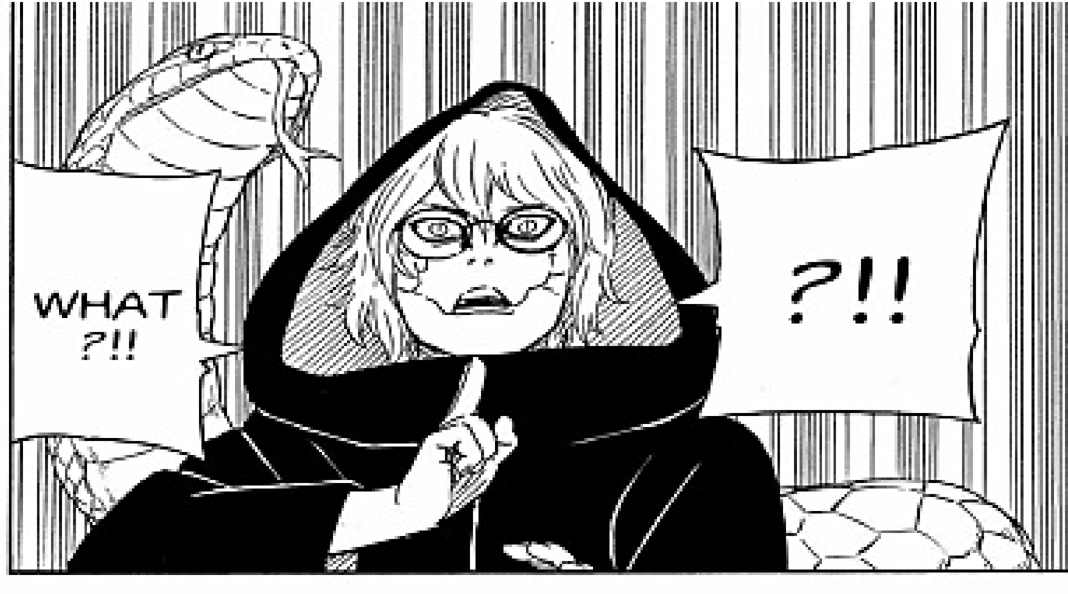
ALMIGHTY PUSH!

I LOST CONTROL AGAIN!

KACHIK

ZAM

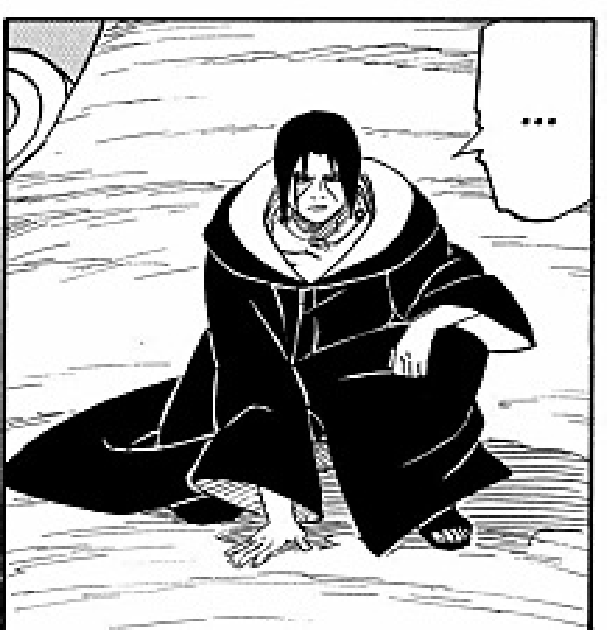
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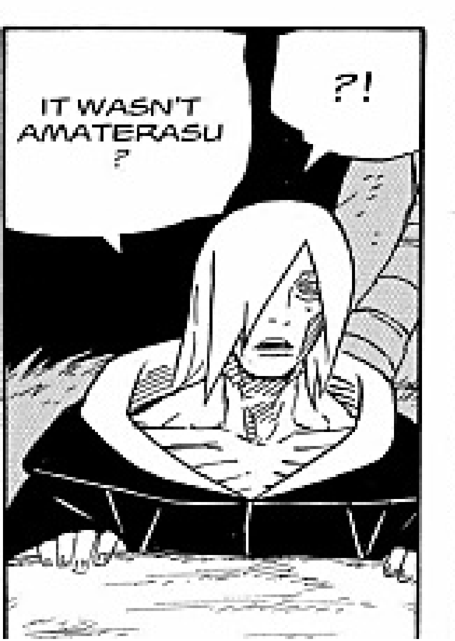

?!!
WHAT ?!!


...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!

...?!


?!


...


?!
IT WASN'T AMATERASU ?

WAP WAP
?!
SO THIS IS IT?



WAH!

SH

VWOO

RAAAWR!!

UGH!

ZOOM

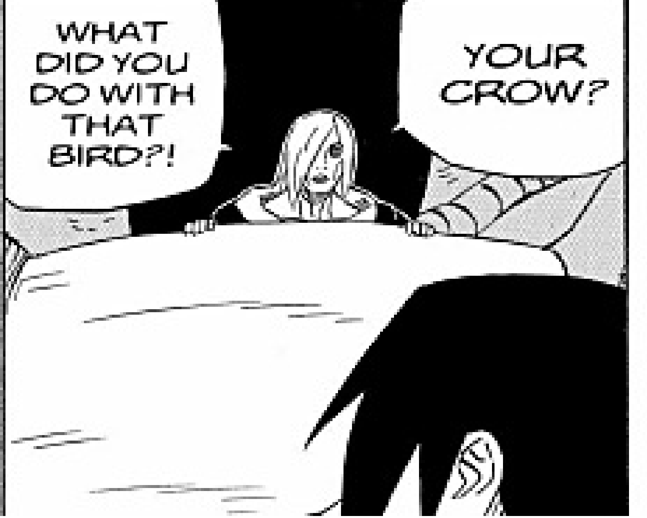
HUNH? HE MISSED?

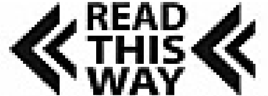
BAM

FABOOSH

GRRRR











SUCCESS!

AMATERASU!!

WHOOSH

AH.

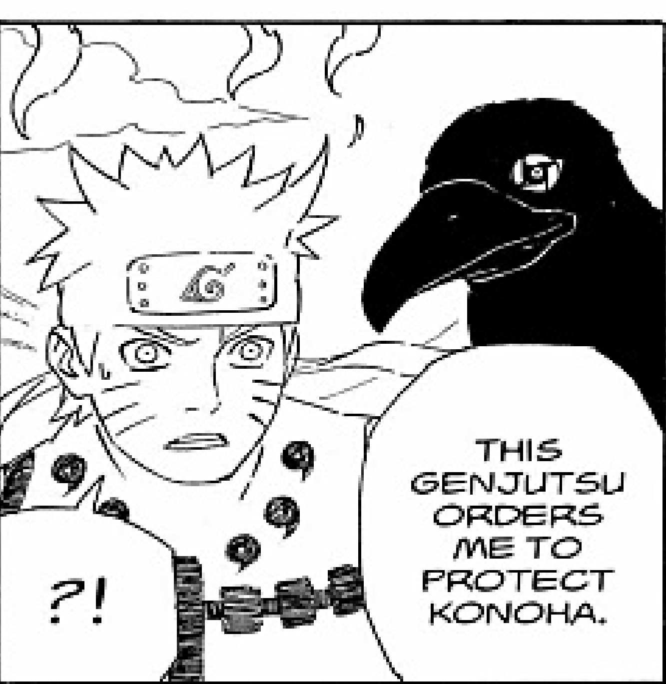
I SEE.

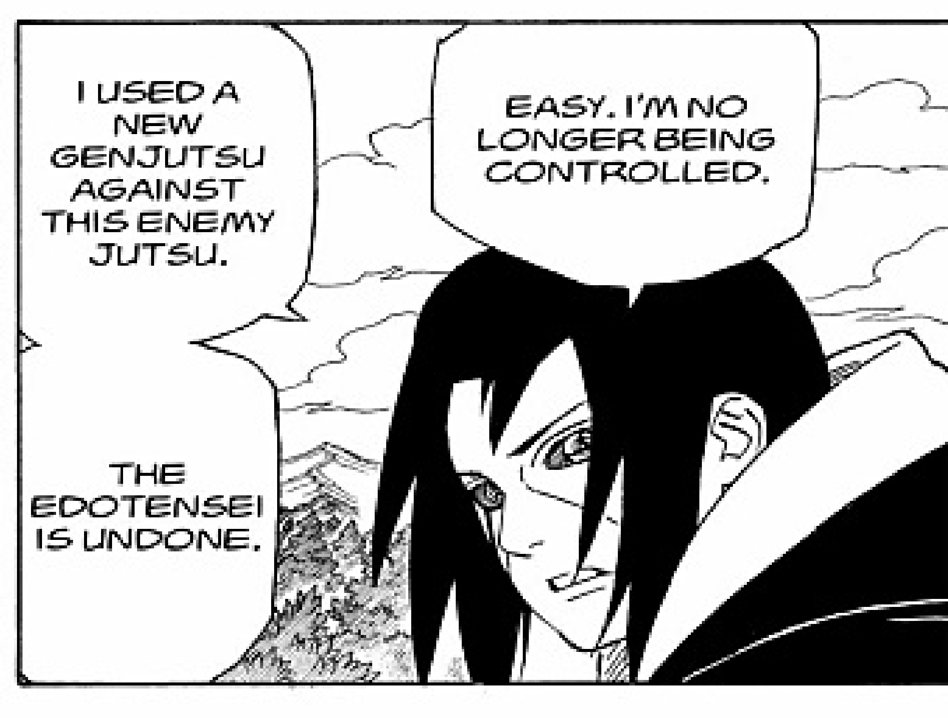
ZOOM

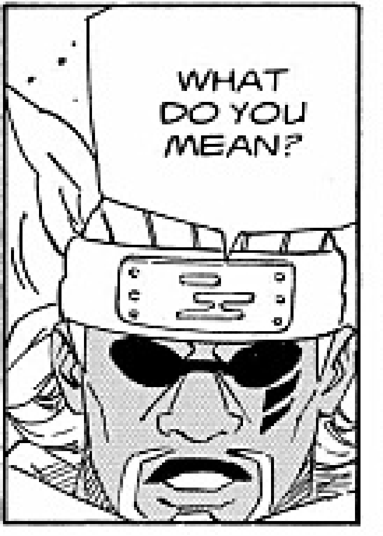
FOOSH

KRAAAW!!

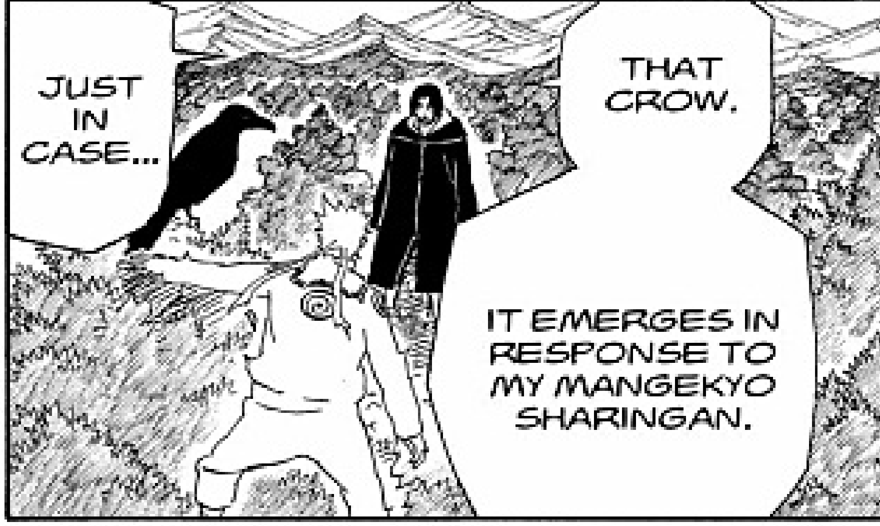
HEY, HE...
BAM

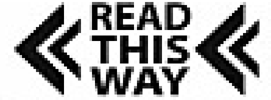

THIS GENJUTSU ORDERS ME TO PROTECT KONOHA.
?!

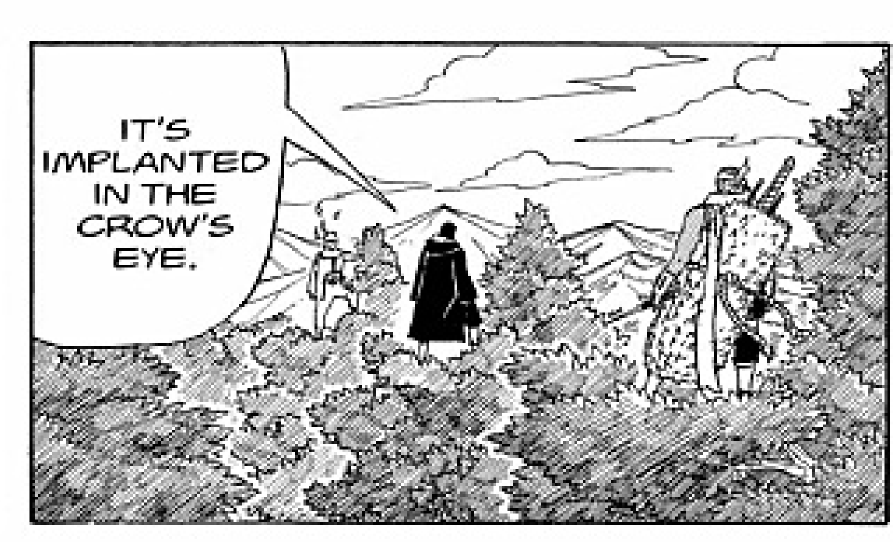

EASY. I'M NO LONGER BEING CONTROLLED.
I USED A NEW GENJUTSU AGAINST THIS ENEMY JUTSU.
THE EDOTENSEI IS UNDONE.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


WHAM


JUST IN CASE...
THAT CROW.
IT EMERGES IN RESPONSE TO MY MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.



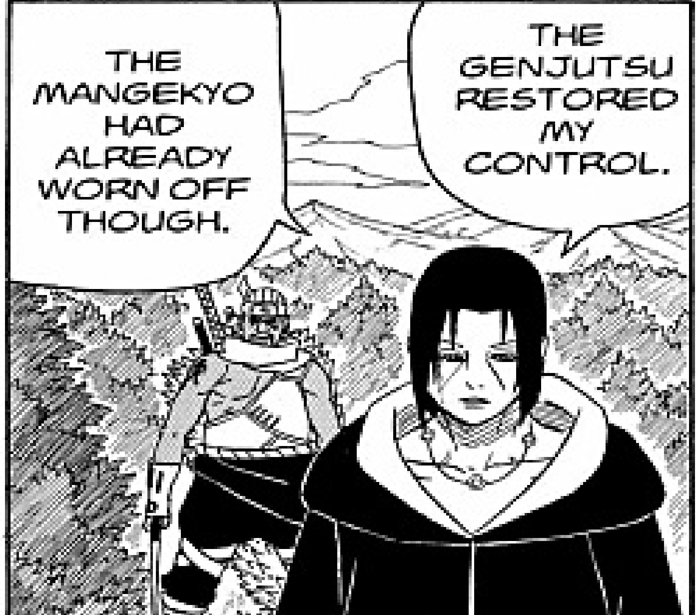




UCHIHA *SHISUI'S* MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

THE ULTIMATE GENJUTSU KOTO AMATSUKAMI!





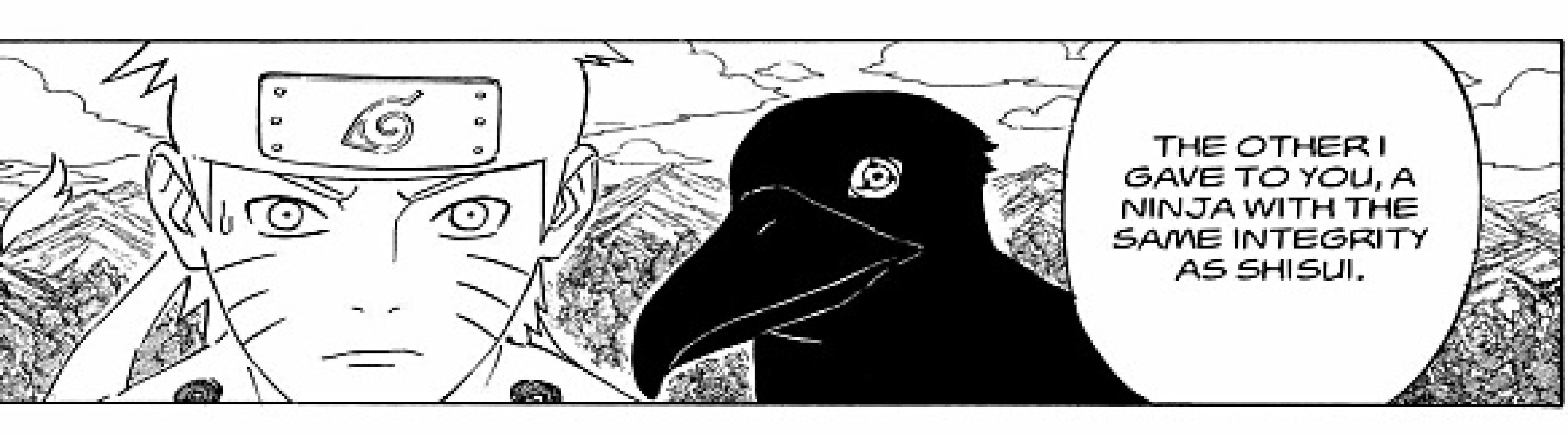



YOU NAME CHECKING THE UCHIHA'S MOST POWERFUL GENJUTSU USER, SHISUI THE TELE-PORTER?
SHISUI'S OCULAR POWERS ARE UNIQUE. THEY CREATE A POWERFUL GENJUTSU THAT ALLOWS YOU TO CONTROL SOMEONE WITHOUT THEM EVEN REALIZING.
I PRO-GRAMMED THE GENJUTSU ...
...TO PROTECT KONOHA INTO SHISUI'S EYE.
I PUT THE COMMAND IN THE CROW'S EYE AND THEN GAVE THE CROW TO YOU, NARUTO.
I NEVER REALIZED OF COURSE, THAT I'D BE USING IT AGAINST MYSELF SOMEDAY.
WHY'D YOU HAVE THAT EYE AND WHY'D YOU GIVE IT TO ME?
...
WSH
WSH
TRUE SHINOBI DO NOT SEEK GLORY. THEY PROTECT FROM THE SHADOWS.
THAT IS THE MARK OF A TRUE NINJA.
SHISUI TAUGHT ME THAT.

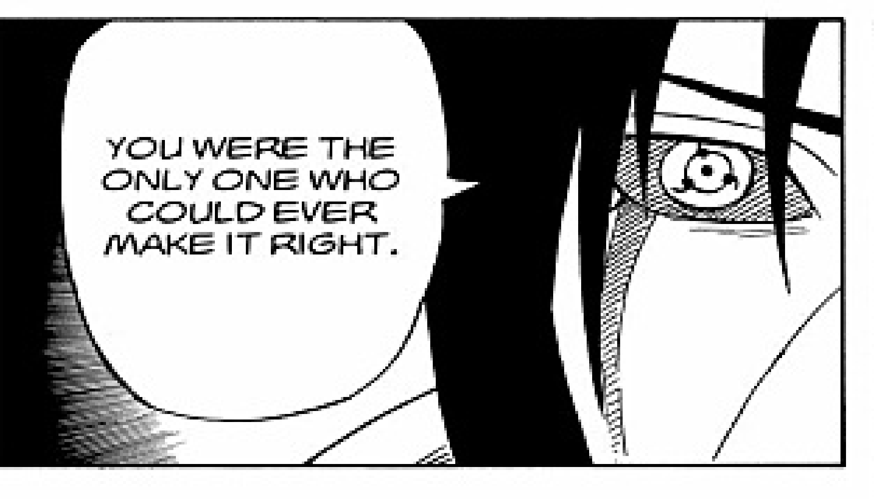

READ THIS WAY


SHISUI BEQUEATHED ONE OF HIS EYES TO ME, TELLING ME TO USE IT TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE.
HE ASKED ME TO HIDE THE EYE'S EXISTENCE BEFORE HE DIED.
HE MADE IT LOOK LIKE IT HIS EYES HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND TOOK HIS OWN LIFE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT FUTURE CONFLICT OVER HIS EYES.


I HELPED HIM.
WHEN I LAST SAW SHISUI, DANZO HAD ALREADY STOLEN ONE EYE FROM HIM.


THE OTHER I GAVE TO YOU, A NINJA WITH THE SAME INTEGRITY AS SHISUI.


IF SASUKE WAS EVER A THREAT TO THE VILLAGE...
...THEN I WOULD HAVE VIOLATED ALL THAT SHISUI TRUSTED ME TO DO.


YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD EVER MAKE IT RIGHT.

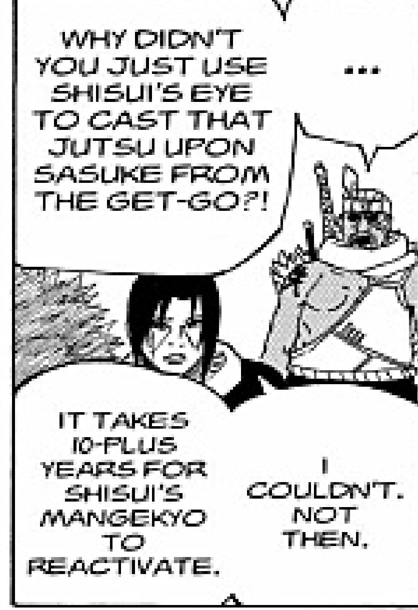

...

YOU SAID YOU CONSIDER SASUKE A BROTHER.
I KNEW YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP SASUKE.



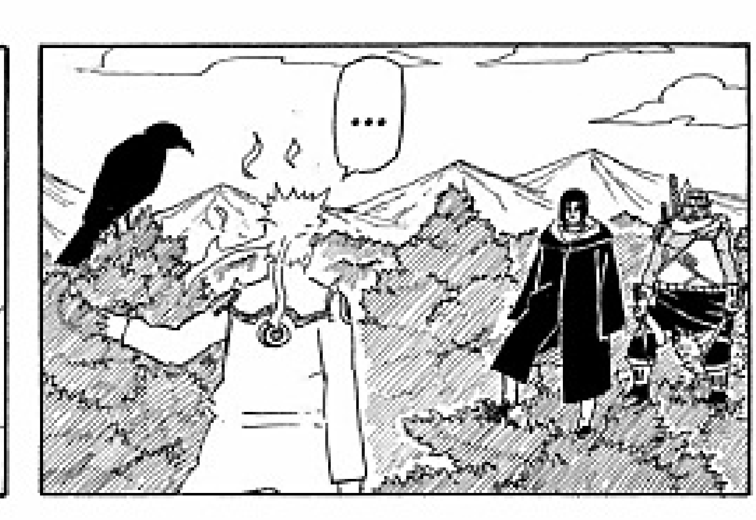


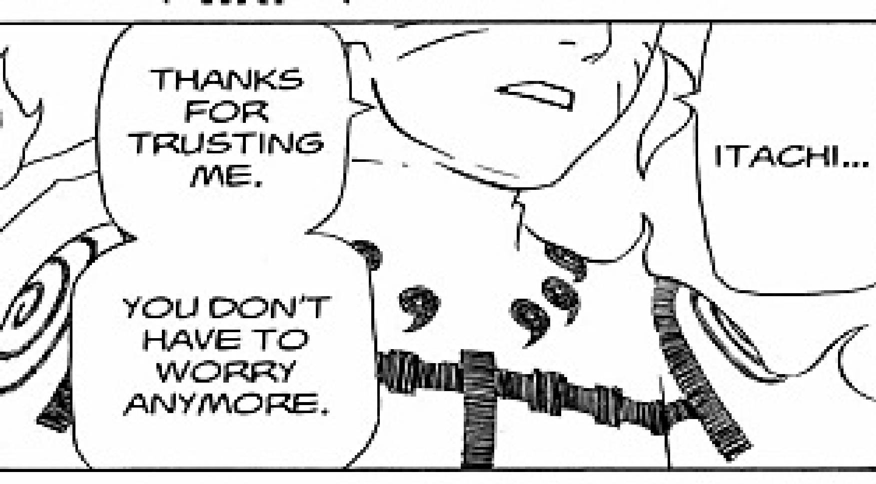












YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR THE VILLAGE.

NOW IT'S MY TURN!



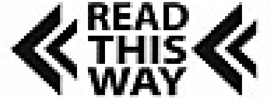


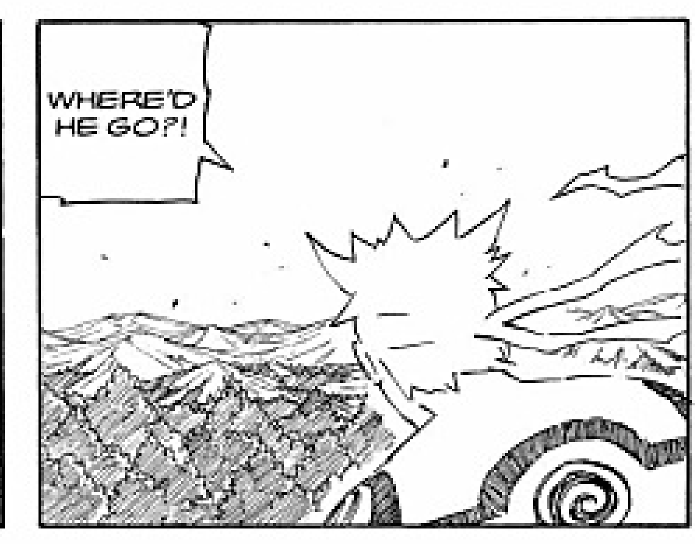







ALMIGHTY PUSH!
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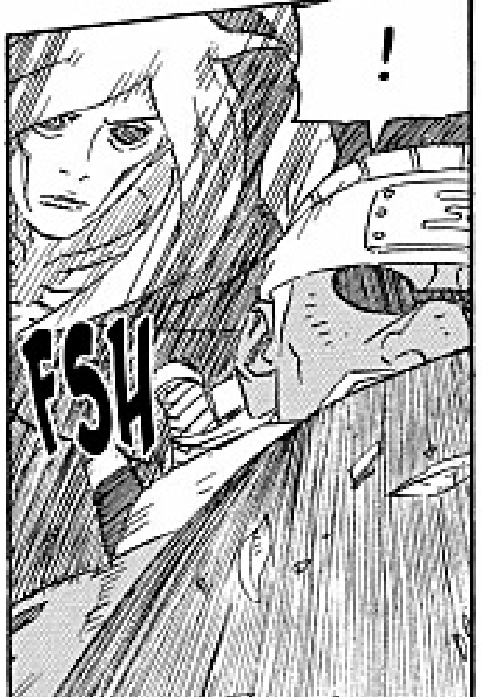

READ THIS WAY


WHERE'D HE GO?!


FSH
KLOP
ALMIGHTY PUSH!!

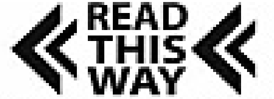
BOOM


!!


!
FSH


YOU FOOL, YA♪ I'M A SCHOOL YA ♪
VOOSH

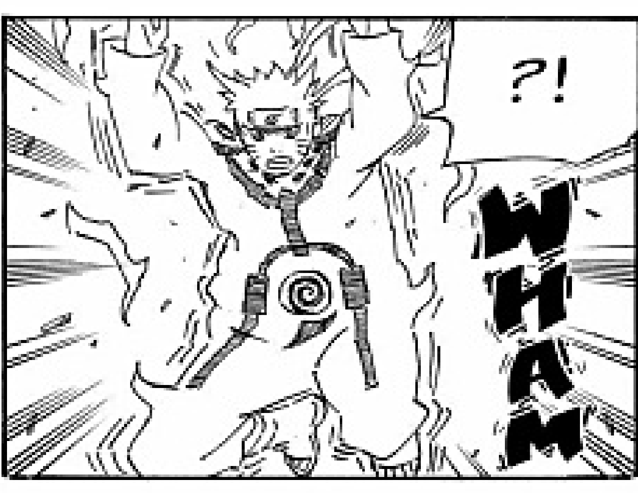

LARIAT !!!
GAKIDO!
SHWOOOOOOO
YOU'RE ABSORB-ING MY CHAKRA?!



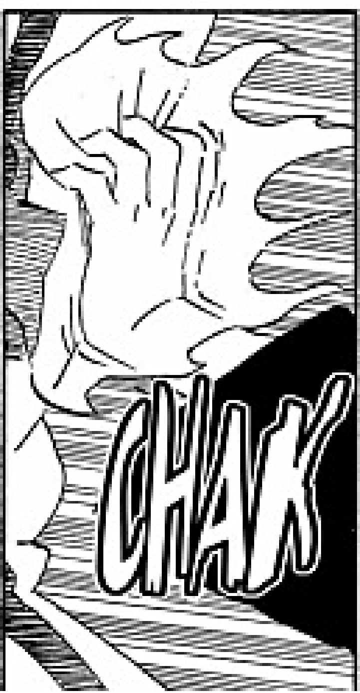
SHWOOM

YOU OKAY, OCTOPOPS?!

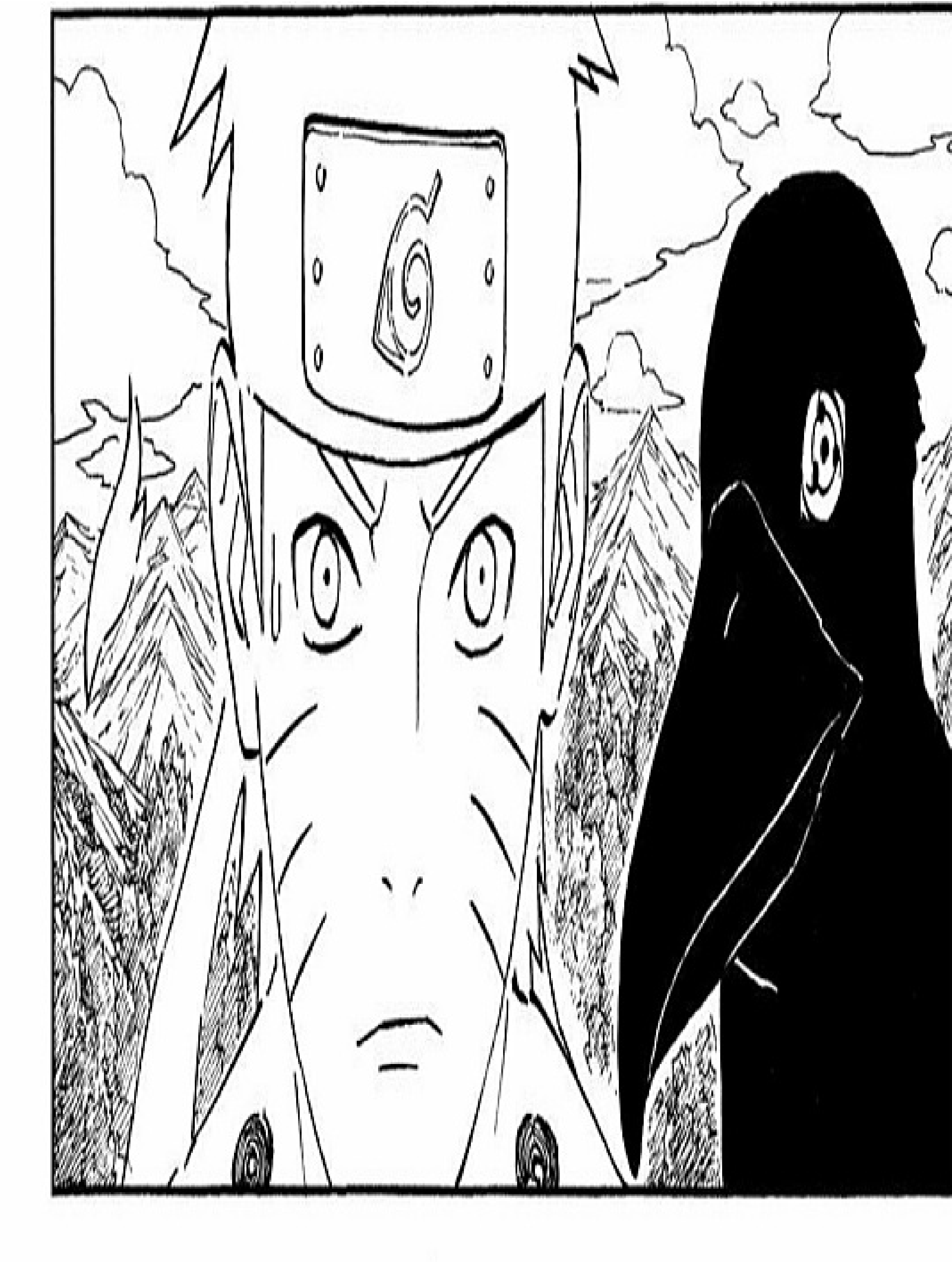
WHAM









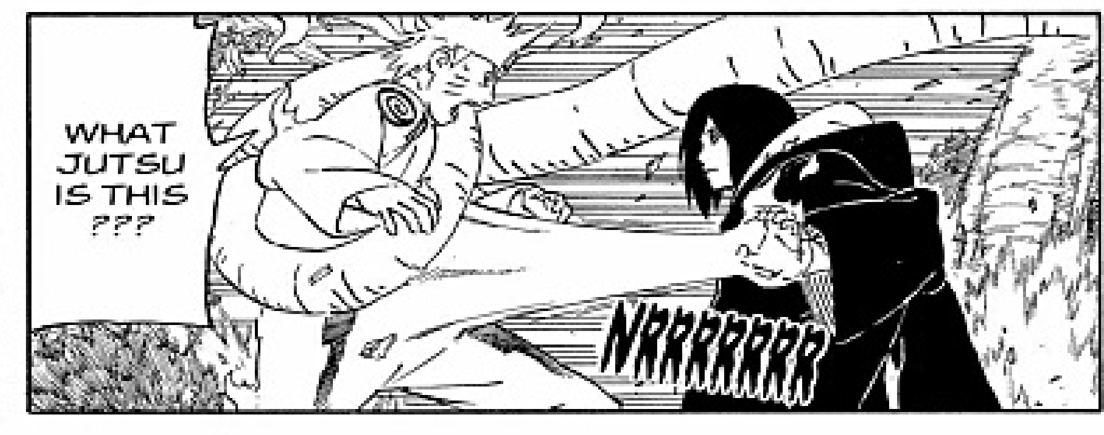


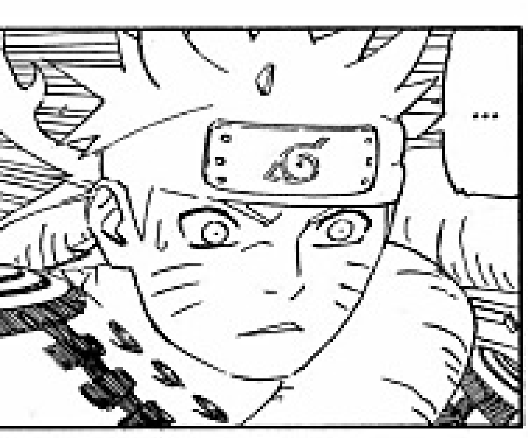
THOOM

NRRRRRRR

WHA?

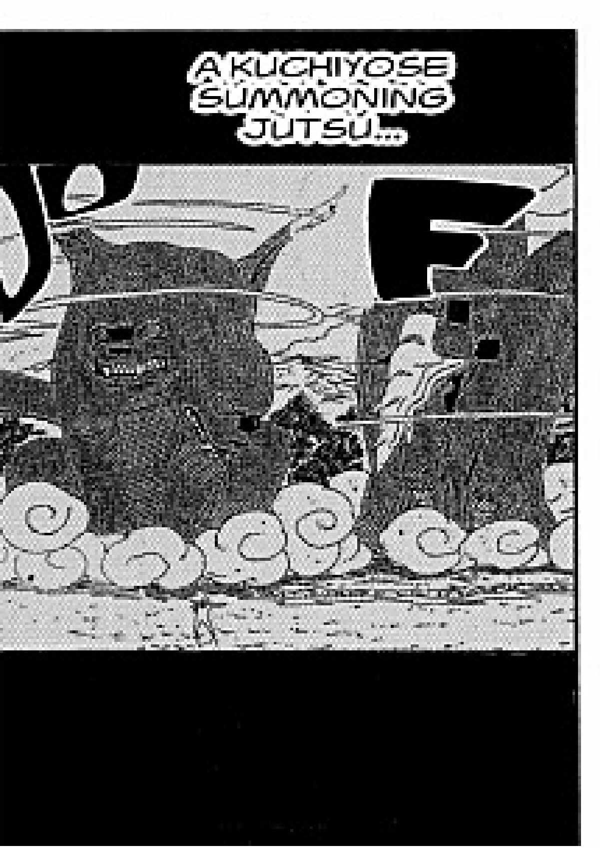
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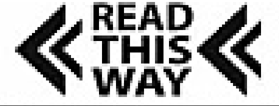


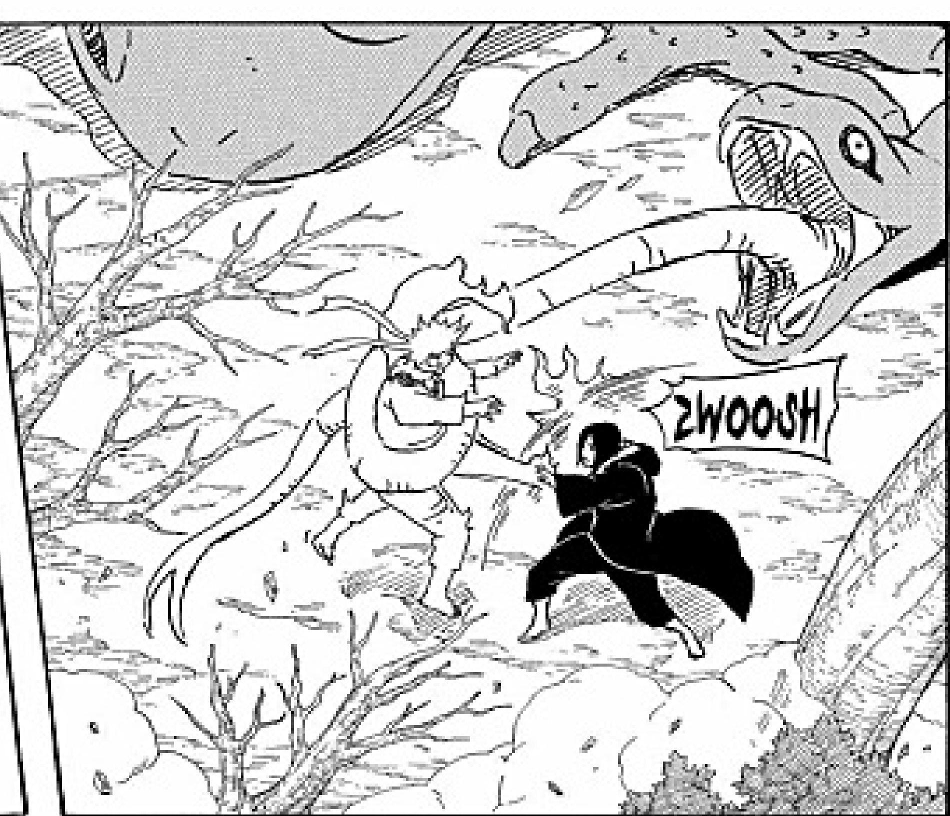


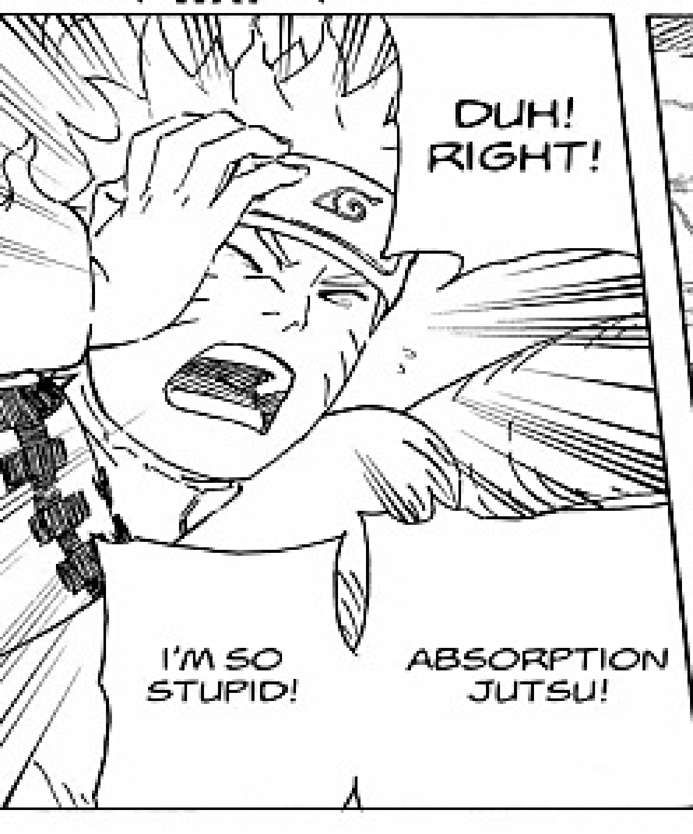




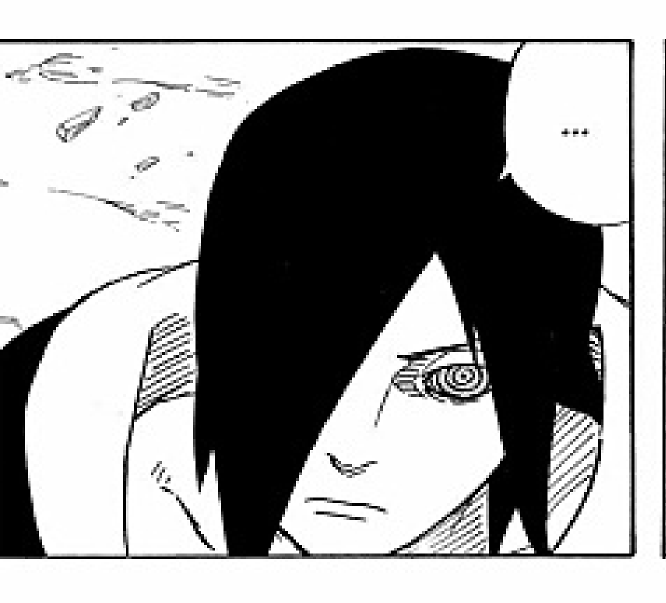

AND A NINJUTSU ABSORBER!
ZWOO
YOU HAVE ALL OF PAIN'S JUTSU!
B-BUT I DON'T KNOW THIS ONE?!
RASENGAN!!
TA
ZW
PO


READ THIS WAY


ZWOOSH


DUH! RIGHT!
ABSORPTION JUTSU!
I'M SO STUPID!


NAGATO! BUT WHAT'S THIS JUTSU?
TELL ME!


...


HE'S GOT TOTAL HOLD OF ME!

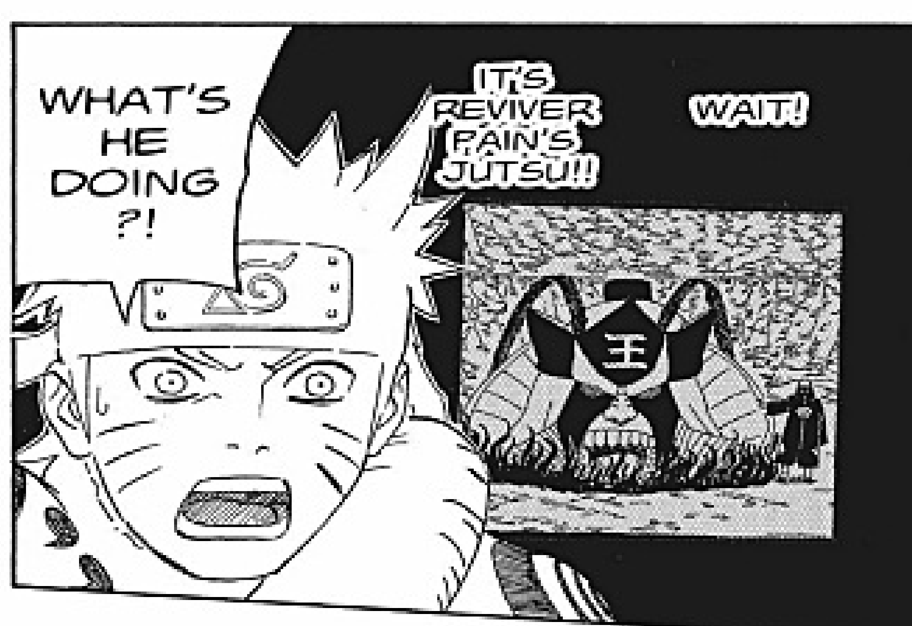

JIGO-KUDO!

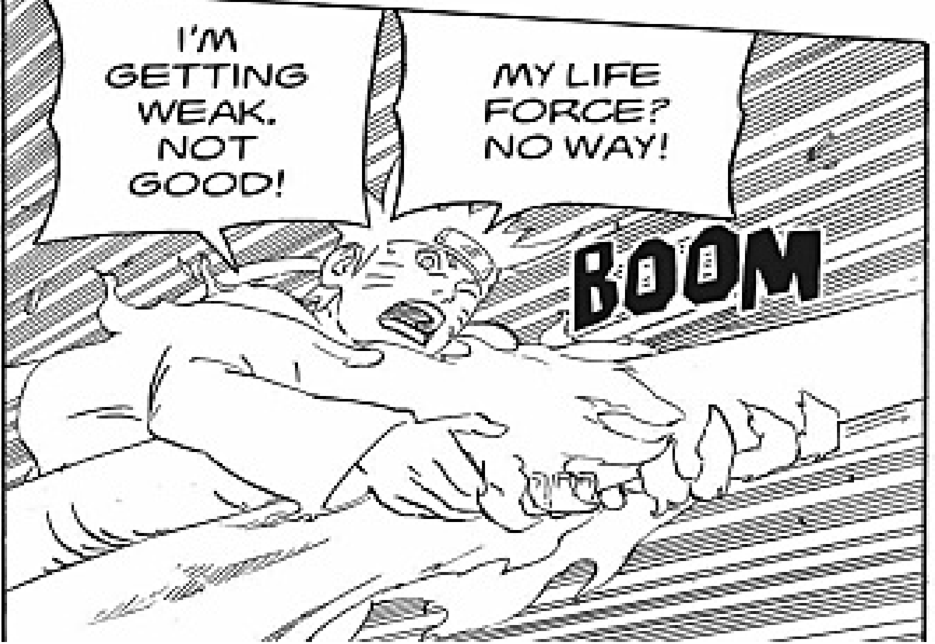

FLIK
FLIK FLIK

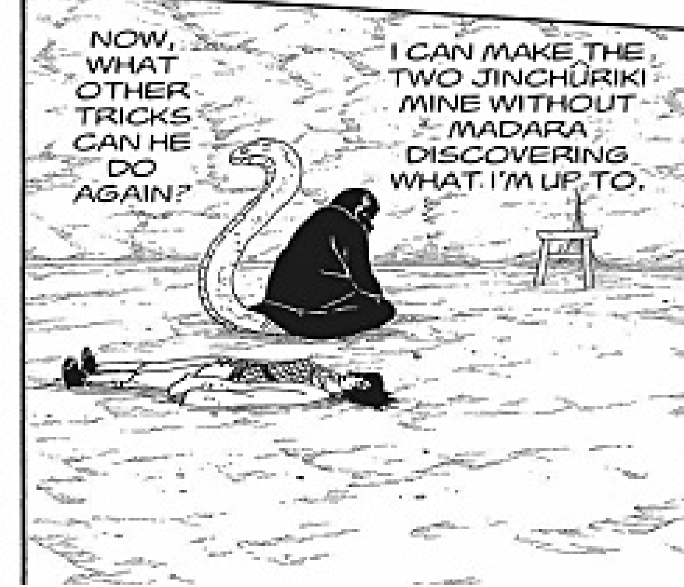
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ZWOOSH


I'M GOING TO HAVE NINGENDO EXTRACT THEIR SOULS AND KILL THEM OFF.
HE'LL HIDE THEIR BODIES AND SOULS USING THE JIGOKUDO, BRING THEM BACK TO ME, THEN REVIVE THEM.


WHAT'S HE DOING ?!
IT'S REVIVER PAIN'S JUTSU!!
WAIT!


I'M GETTING WEAK. NOT GOOD!
MY LIFE FORCE? NO WAY!
BOOM

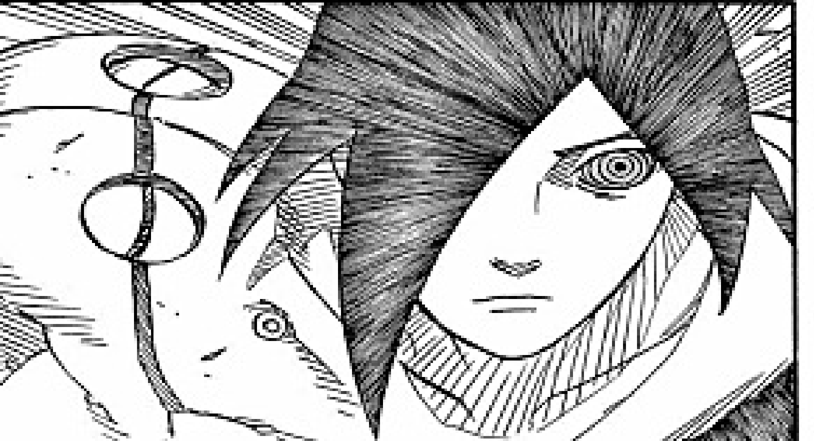

I CAN MAKE THE TWO JINCHŪRIKI MINE WITHOUT MADARA DISCOVERING WHAT I'M UP TO.
NOW, WHAT OTHER TRICKS CAN HE DO AGAIN?

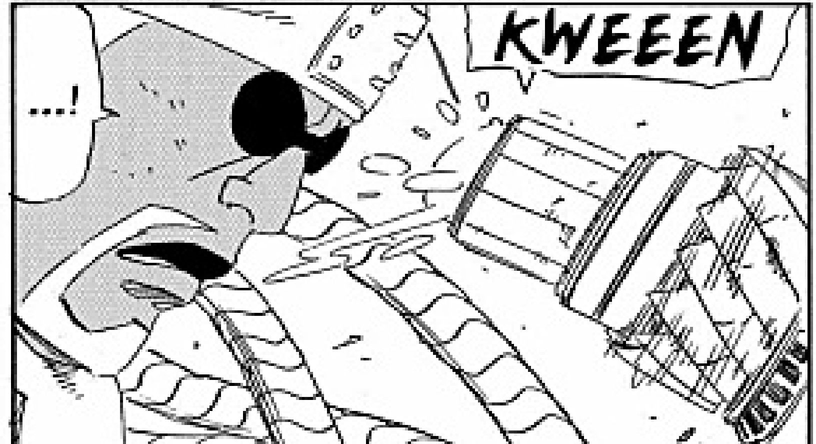

BZZP
BOOM
GRRRR

!!
GAK
GAK
ZOT
ZOT
?!!
SHURADO !!

WHAT DID HE SUMMON? FANCY ARMOR?!
SHRRL
SKREE
CHK
?!!
ZWEEEN
ZWEEEN
KLAK
KLAK
UGH !!
?!

KACHK
KACHK
!
UNGGH.
ZWOO
YA SURE HAVE A LOT OF HANDS *THERE*♪ AND YOUR JUTSU JUST TEAR THROUGH THE *AIR*♪
KACHAK
UGH!
NARUTO, REMEMBER THE TUG-OF-WAR YOU DID WITH NINE TAILS!!
KOOSH
ZWOOO






SUSANO'O!!
SCREEC

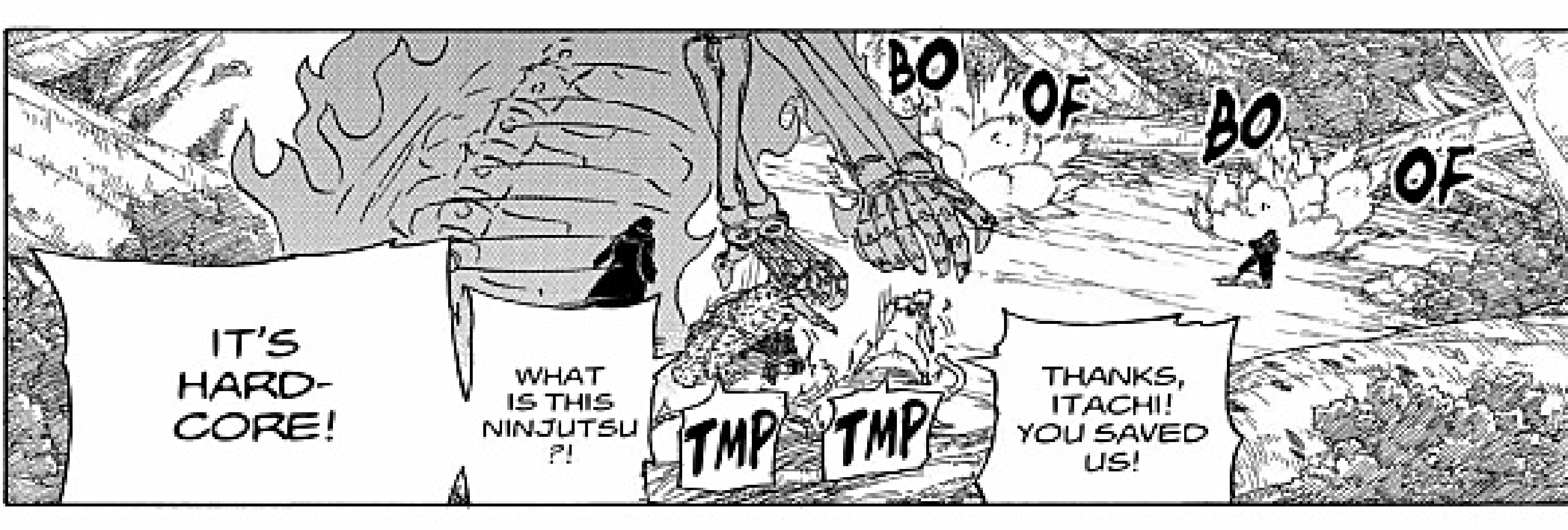


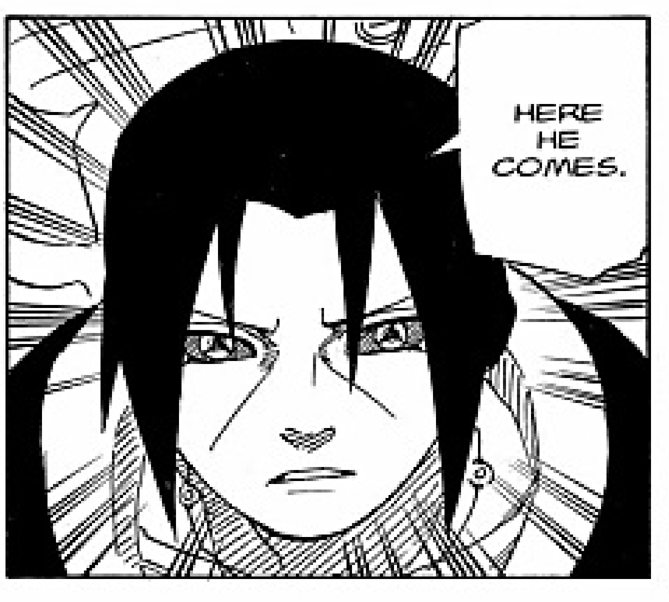
ZZ
ASH
GA
K
!
GAK


CATASTROPHIC PLANETARY CONSTRUCTION!
ZWOO


URK


THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S STILL THAT JUTSU WHERE HE CAN CREATE A PLANET THAT WILL TRAP THEM.


BO
OF
BO
OF
IT'S HARD-CORE!
WHAT IS THIS NINJUTSU ?!
TMP
TMP
THANKS, ITACHI! YOU SAVED US!


HERE HE COMES.


OF COURSE IT IS!
PLUS, TODAY WE'RE FACING HIM DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF HIS DEAD PEOPLE PUPPETS!
PAIN POSSESSES THE POWER OF THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS!!
BOTH HIS POWER AND MOVES ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!!


FSH
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
THAT BLACK SPHERE APPEARS TO HAVE QUITE A STRONG GRAVITATIONAL PULL.
WHAT *IS* THAT?!
WAAH!
KRAK
KRAK







...

...

A-HA HA HA, IN THAT CASE, WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ♪ WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS FIGHT ♪

THIS IS SERIOUS !!

NO MORE JOKES. NO MORE RAPS!

IF WE GET TRAPPED, WE'LL NEVER GET OUT!

IT'S TOO STRONG!!

I ONLY GOT FREE LAST TIME BECAUSE NINE TAILS RAMPAGED!

ENOUGH.

ONE MUST BE CALM IN ORDER TO ANALYZE PROPERLY.

NOW, I BELIEVE THAT BLACK SPHERE NAGATO JUST THREW IS THE CENTRAL CORE OF THIS JUTSU.


SO I SUSPECT DESTROYING IT IS THE ANSWER.
ALL THREE OF US NEED TO SIMUL-TANEOUSLY UNLEASH OUR MOST POWERFUL LONG-DISTANCE NINJUTSU AT THAT CORE!
BUT I CAN'T AIM WELL UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES!
DON'T WORRY. IT'LL HIT EVEN IF YOU DON'T AIM AT ALL.
THIS TACTIC TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE CORE'S TOO-STRONG GRAVITATIONAL PULL.
EVERY JUTSU HAS A WEAK POINT! YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND IT!
ZWOOO
OK!!
THAT WAS FAST!!
THOOM
ALL RIGHT, ME TOO!!
VOOSH


BIJU BOMB!!
WHOOO
SHOOM

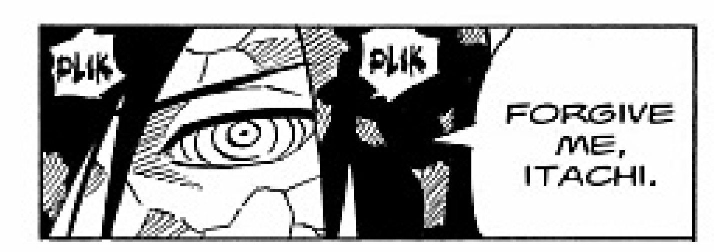

YASAKA BEADS!!
WIND STYLE! RASEN-SHURIKEN!!

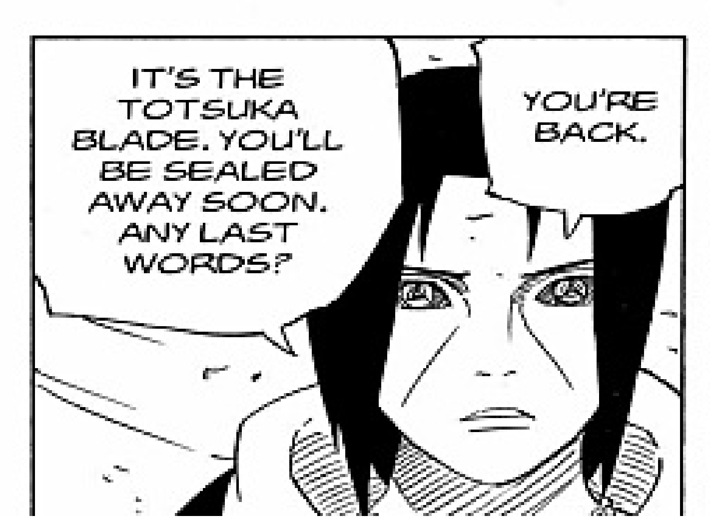
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SSH


!!
WAP


RRRRRRRRRR


PLIK
PLIK
FORGIVE ME, ITACHI.

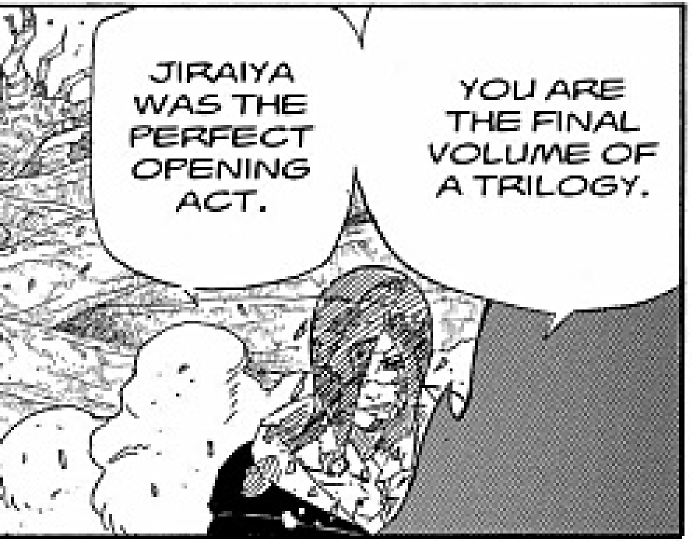

IT'S THE TOTSUKA BLADE. YOU'LL BE SEALED AWAY SOON. ANY LAST WORDS?
YOU'RE BACK.

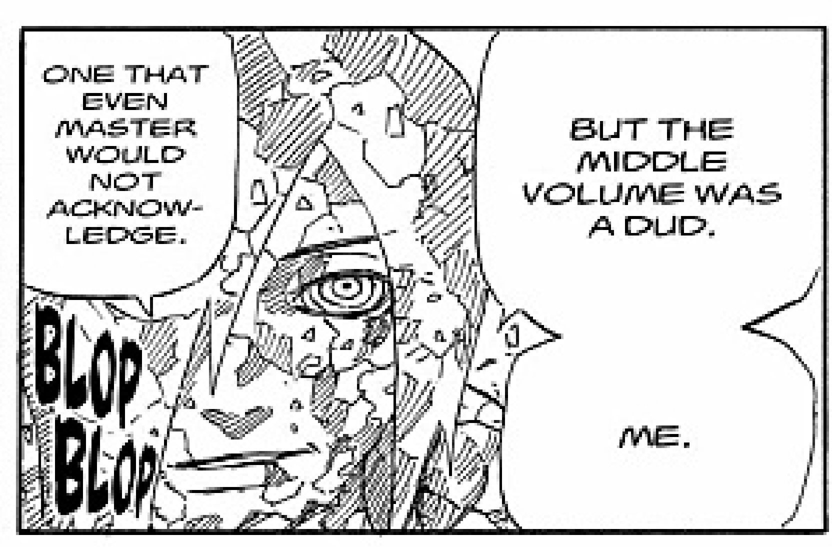

SWOO


READ THIS WAY


...


NARUTO.
WAP
I SHALL RETURN TO OUR MASTER'S SIDE.
I WILL CONTINUE TO VIEW YOUR ADVENTURES.


YOU ARE THE FINAL VOLUME OF A TRILOGY.
JIRAIYA WAS THE PERFECT OPENING ACT.


BUT THE MIDDLE VOLUME WAS A DUD.
ME.
ONE THAT EVEN MASTER WOULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE.
BLOP BLOP


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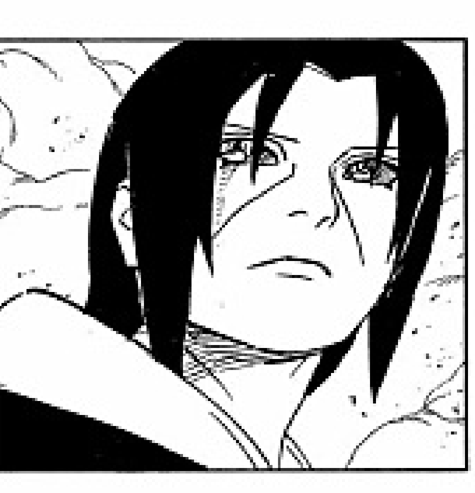
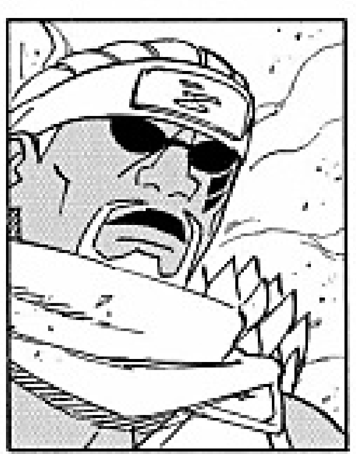

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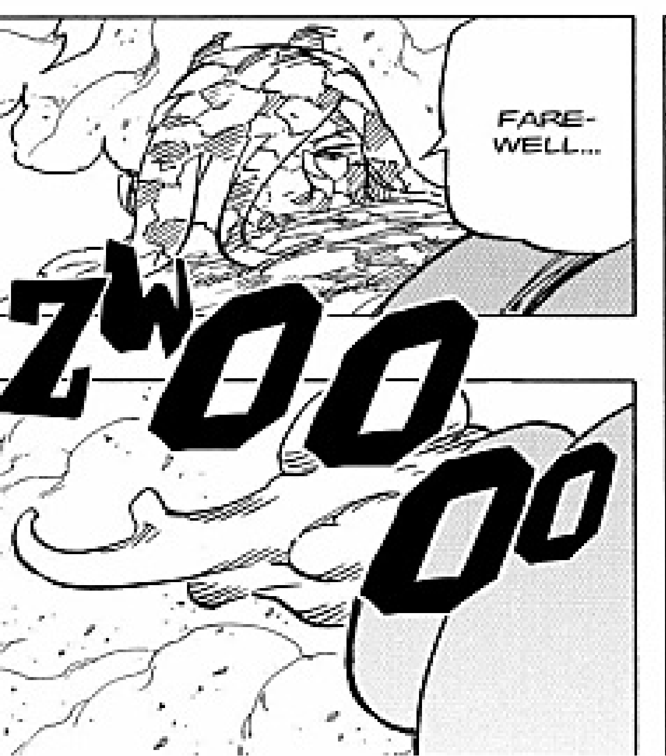
THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A SERIES DEPENDS ON THE THIRD AND FINAL VOLUME!
NARUTO! YOU MUST BE THE MASTERPIECE THAT FINISHES THIS TRILOGY AND IS SO AMAZING THAT NO ONE REMEMBERS THE WASTE THAT WAS IN THE MIDDLE...THE WASTE THAT WAS ME!
ZOT

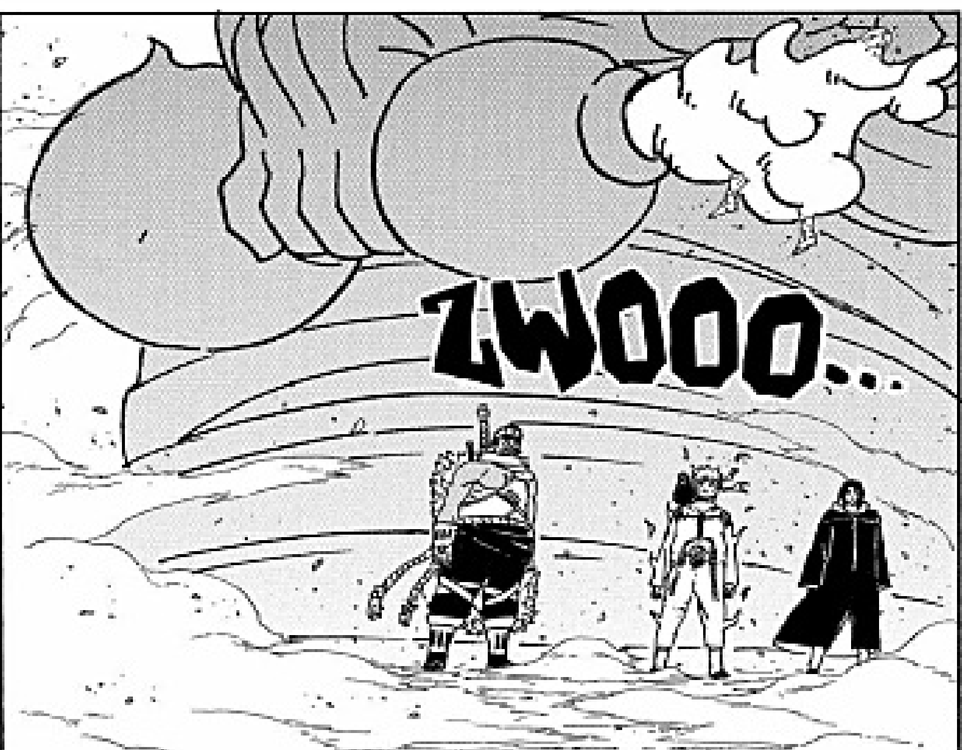


ZWOOOO...

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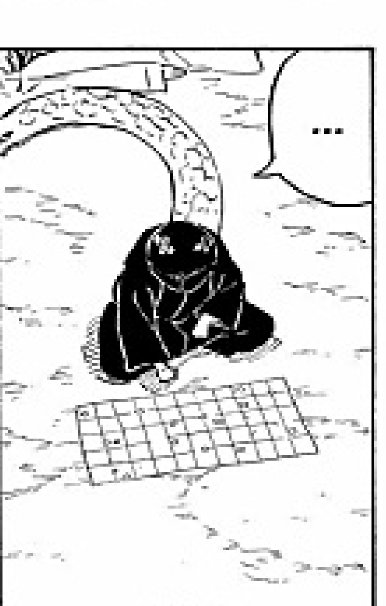




ZWOP

Number 552: To Be a Hokage...!!









NAGATO!

HE'S NOT MOBILE ENOUGH.

I THOUGHT THE SYNCHRONIZED SIGHT OF THE KUCHIYOSE RINNEGAN WOULD HELP.

BUT ITACHI USES BLIND SPOTS TO HIT HIS TARGETS WITH KUNAI!!

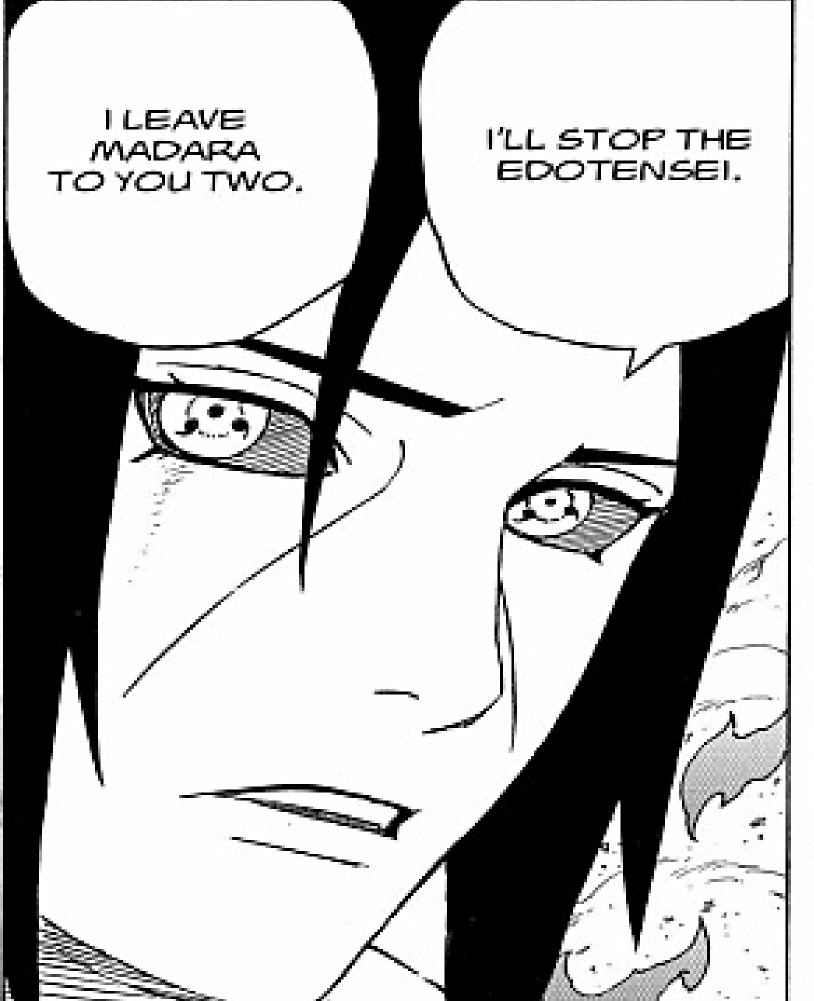
THK THK THK THK THK THK

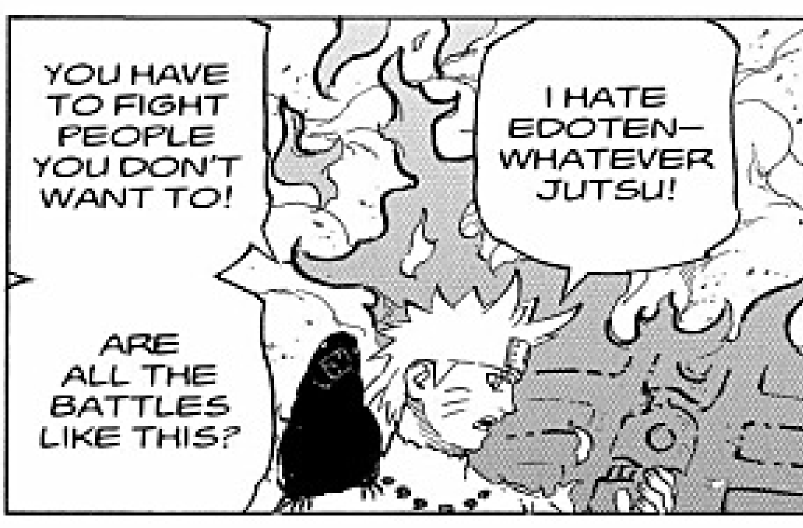
THERE'S NO WAY TO GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!

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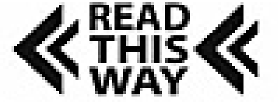




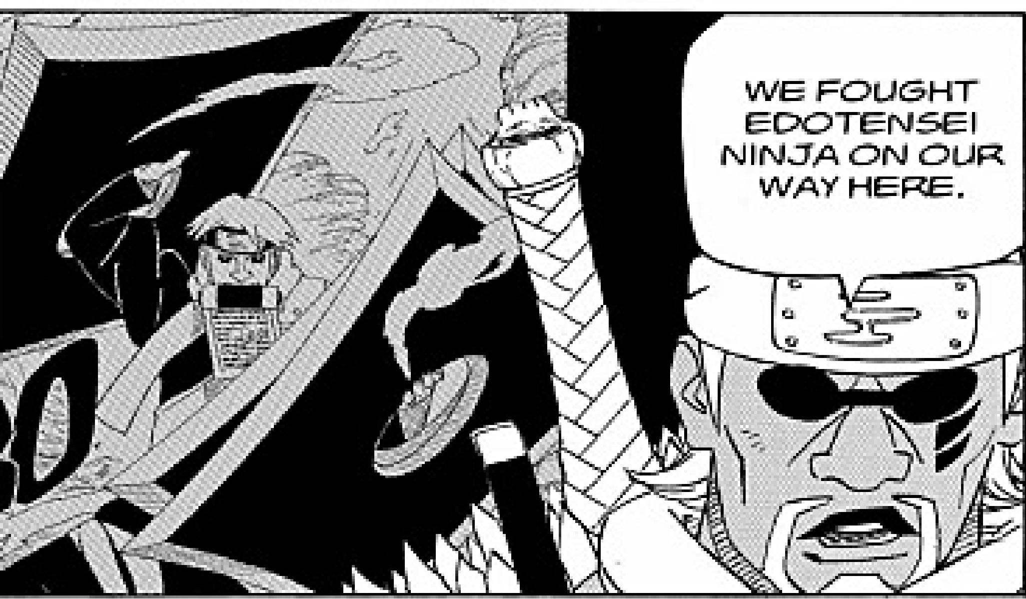

I LEAVE MADARA TO YOU TWO.
I'LL STOP THE EDOTENSEI.


YOU HAVE TO FIGHT PEOPLE YOU DON'T WANT TO!
I HATE EDOTEN-WHATEVER JUTSU!
ARE ALL THE BATTLES LIKE THIS?



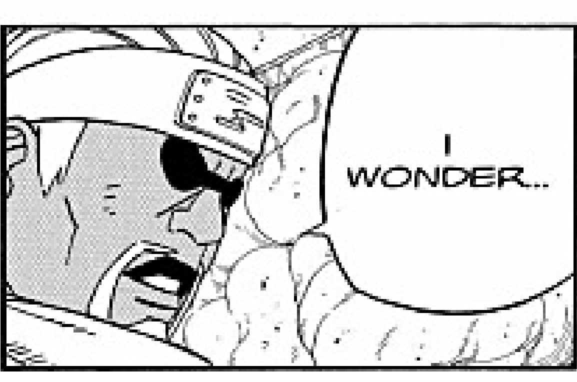

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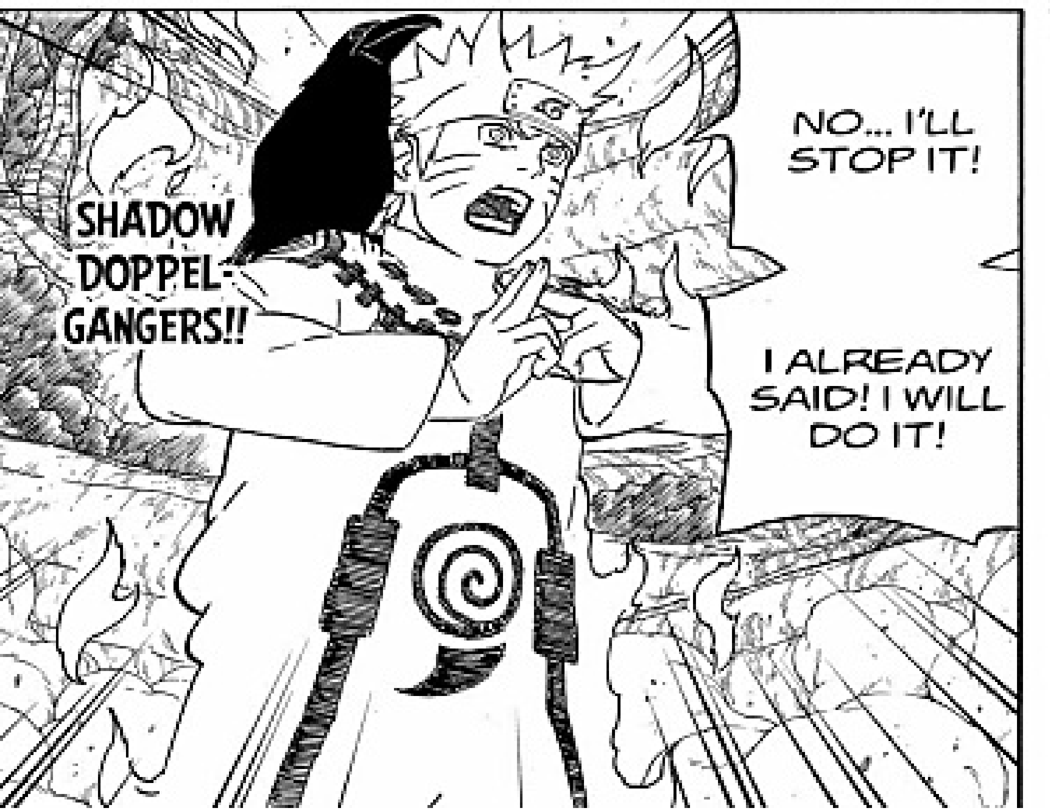

WE FOUGHT EDOTENSEI NINJA ON OUR WAY HERE.


SUNA SHINOBI SEALED HIM AWAY. BUT YOU CAN'T KILL THEM.
THERE'S NO WEAK SPOT TO THIS JUTSU?


DIDN'T I SAY ALREADY?
EVERY JUTSU HAS A WEAK POINT. YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND IT.


I WONDER...


...
FSH


NO... I'LL STOP IT!
I ALREADY SAID! I WILL DO IT!
SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS!!

BOOM

PSSH~

?!



I HAVE THE BEST CHANCE TO STOP THE EDOTENSEI.
AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
DON'T TRY TO DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF.



YOU'VE OVERUSED THE NINE TAILS CHAKRA MODE.
NO MORE DOPPEL-GANGERS RIGHT NOW, NARUTO!
UNGH!



HUF
HUF

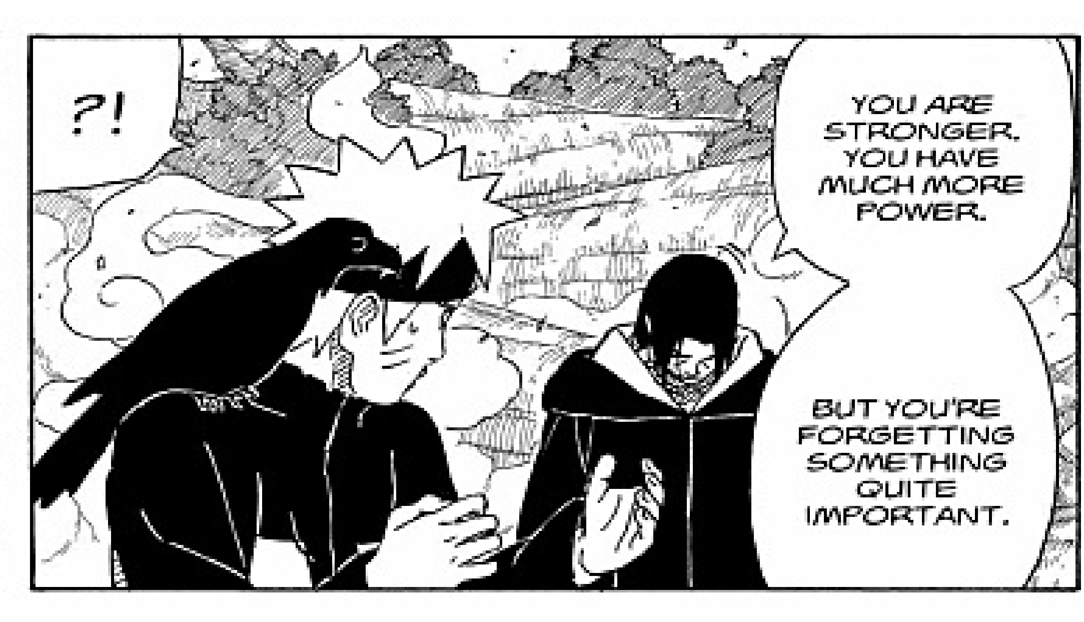


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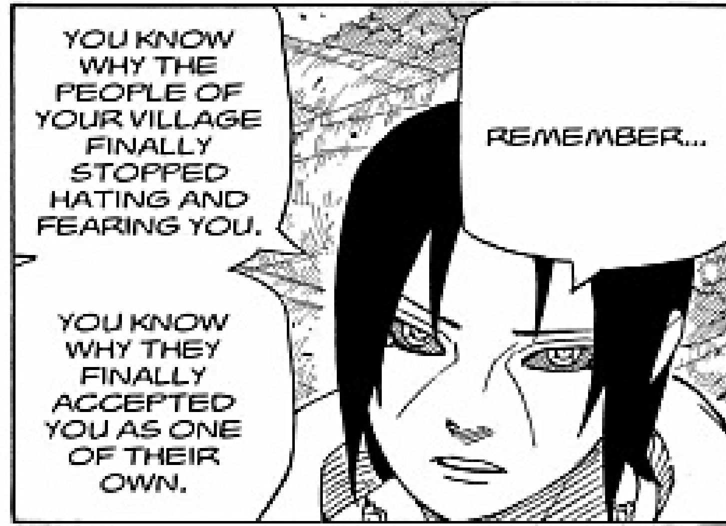


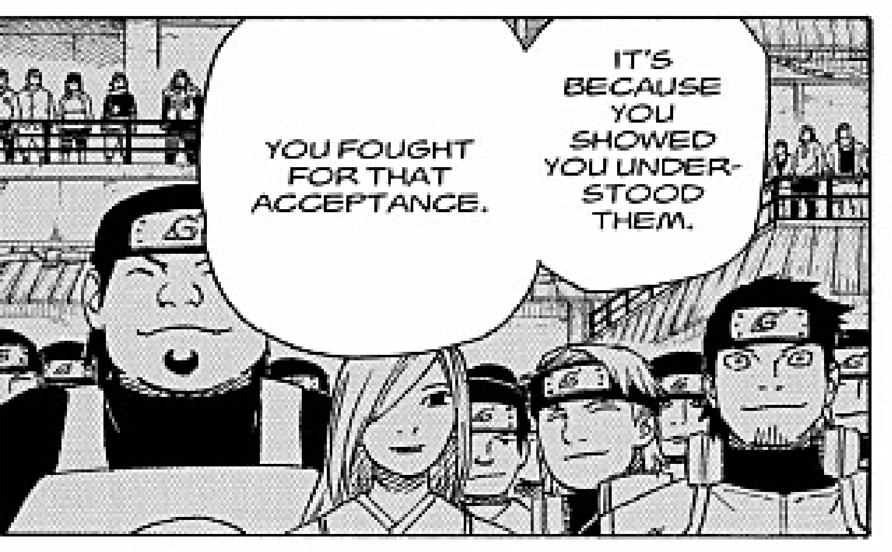
I CAN TAKE IT ALL ON!
...IT'S MY DUTY!!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS WAR, ALL BY MYSELF!!
BOOF

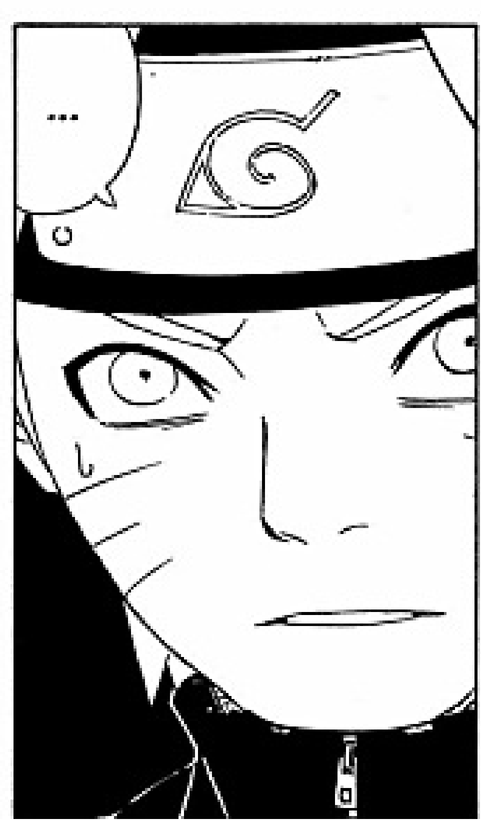

READ THIS WAY


YOU ARE STRONGER. YOU HAVE MUCH MORE POWER.
BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT.
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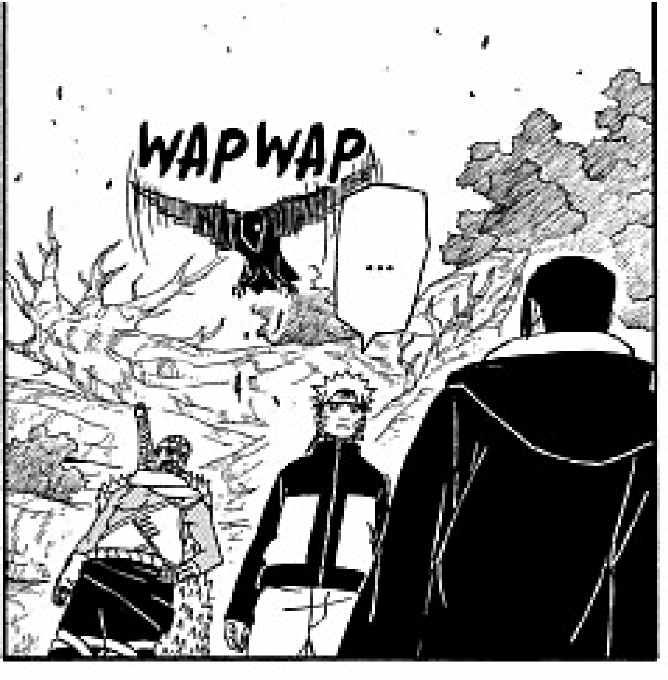

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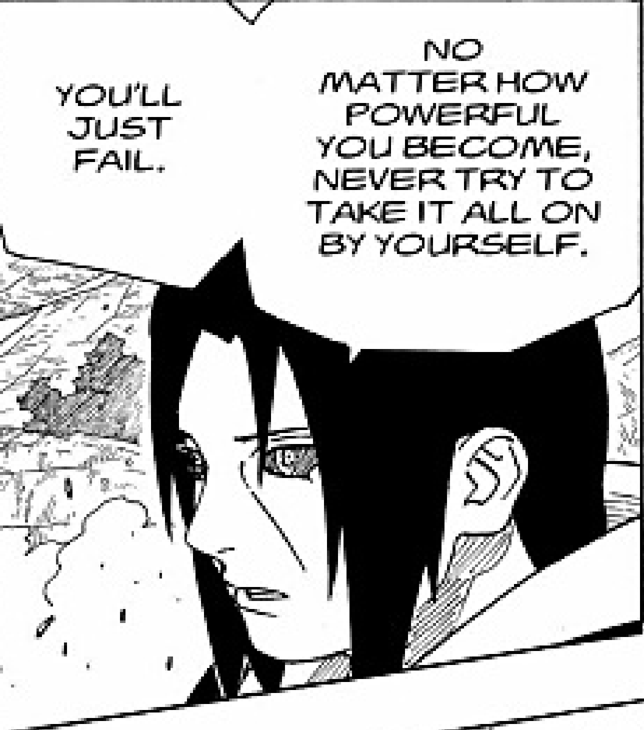

REMEMBER...
YOU KNOW WHY THE PEOPLE OF YOUR VILLAGE FINALLY STOPPED HATING AND FEARING YOU.
YOU KNOW WHY THEY FINALLY ACCEPTED YOU AS ONE OF THEIR OWN.


IT'S BECAUSE YOU SHOWED YOU UNDER-STOOD THEM.
YOU FOUGHT FOR THAT ACCEPTANCE.


...


BUT IF YOU FORGET THAT, IF YOU BECOME SO POWERFUL THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER WHY YOU ARE NOW STRONG...
YOU SAID IT WAS EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU WHO HELPED YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE NOW.
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...YOU'LL EVENTUALLY BECOME LIKE MADARA.

YOUR FATHER WAS A GREAT HOKAGE...

... BECAUSE OF YOUR MOTHER KUSHINA AND THE OTHERS AROUND HIM.

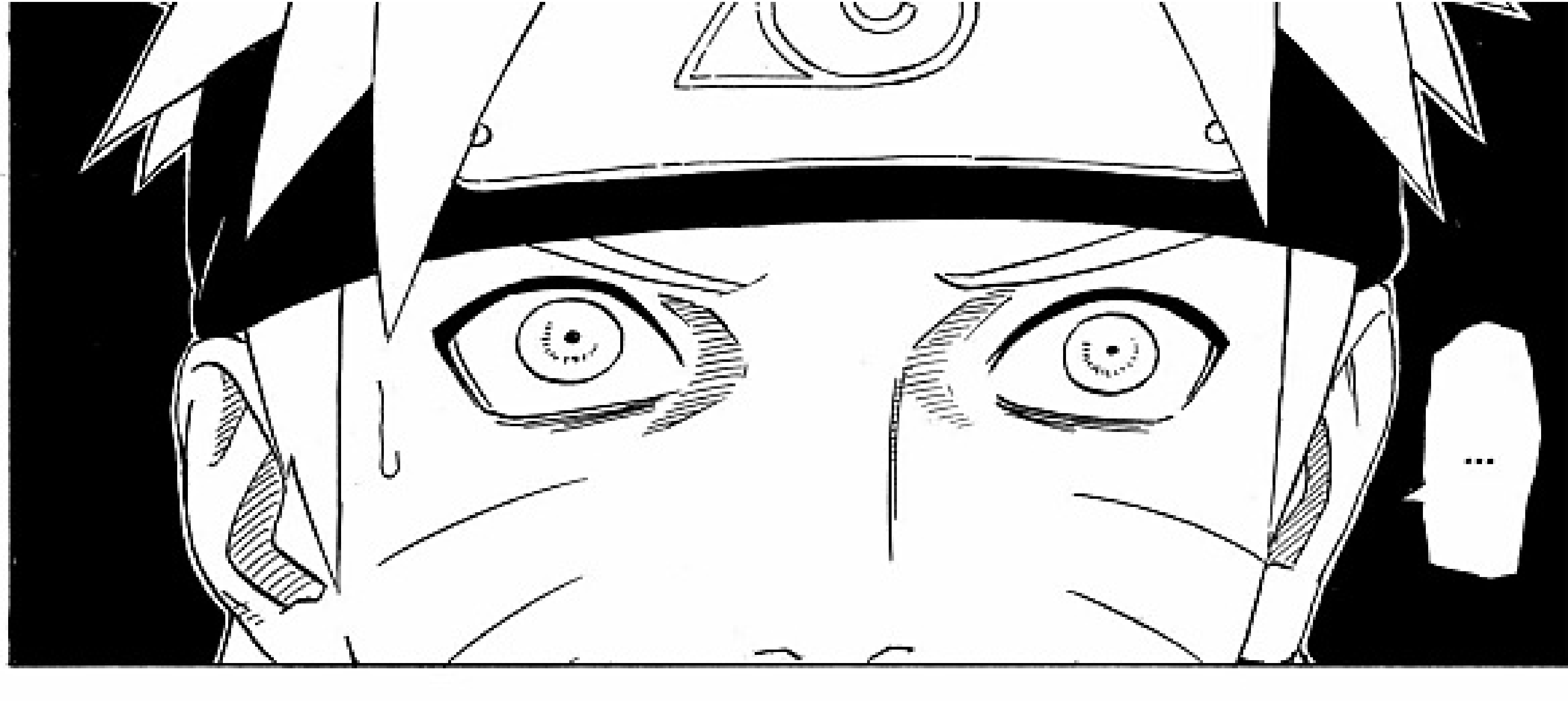




BEING HOKAGE IS NOT ABOUT SUDDENLY BEING RECOGNIZED IN YOUR VILLAGE, NARUTO.

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY RECOGNIZED AND ADMIRED WILL EVER BECOME HOKAGE.

NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS.


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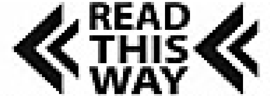

WHY SHOULD YOU CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BURDENS OF EVERYONE ELSE?

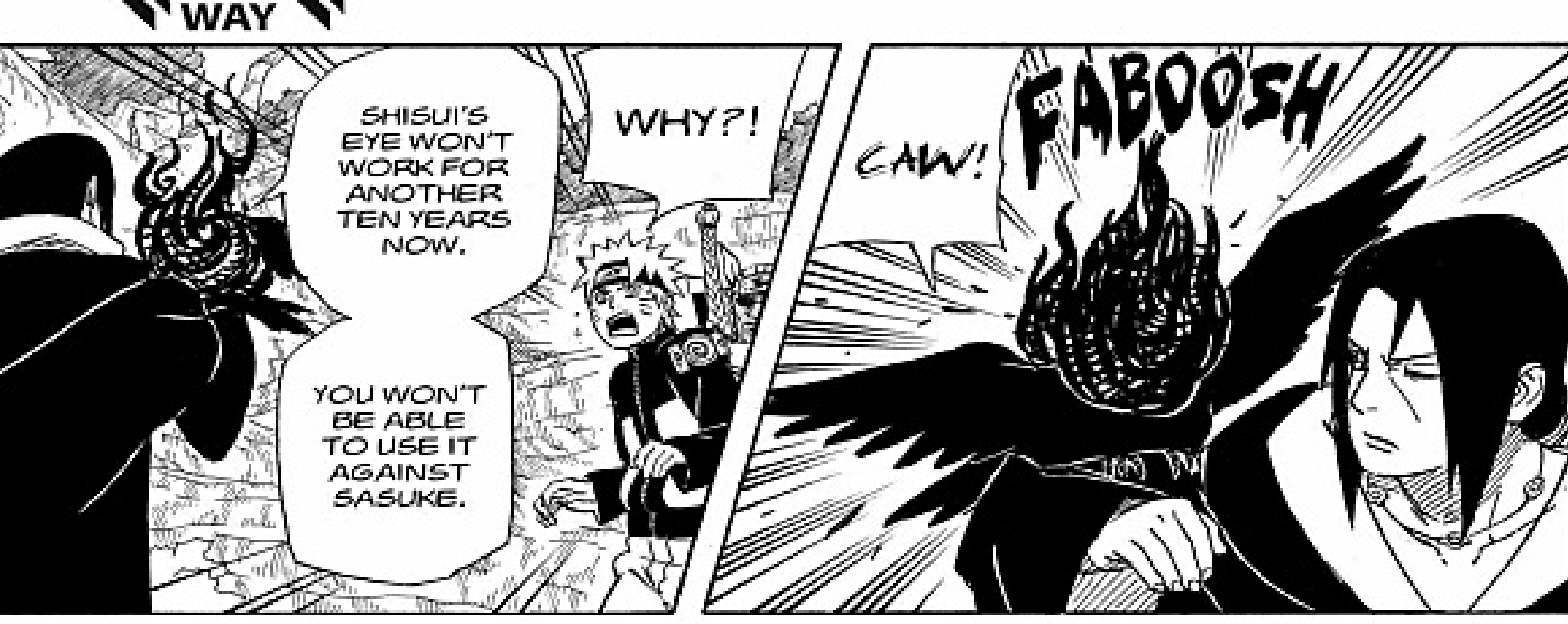

NARUTO, I SWORE AN OATH TO IRUKA.
I HAVE TO PROTECT YOU. YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE.
IF I'M ALIVE, I'M WITH YOU.


?!!

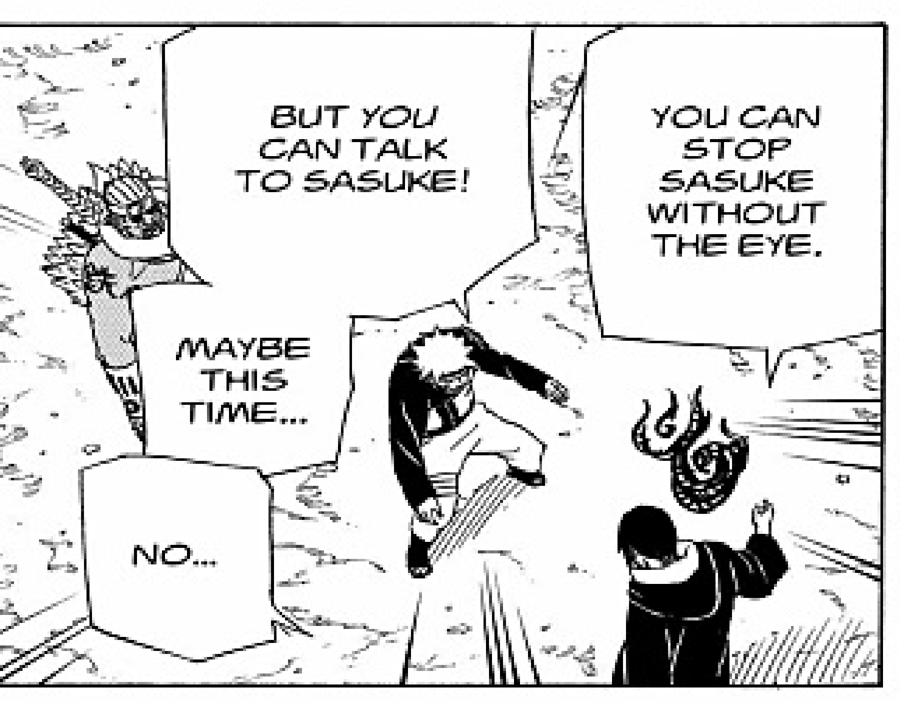

YOU'RE KINDA RIGHT.
I FORGOT.
I THOUGHT I HAD TO DO IT ALONE.


WAP
WAP
...


READ THIS WAY

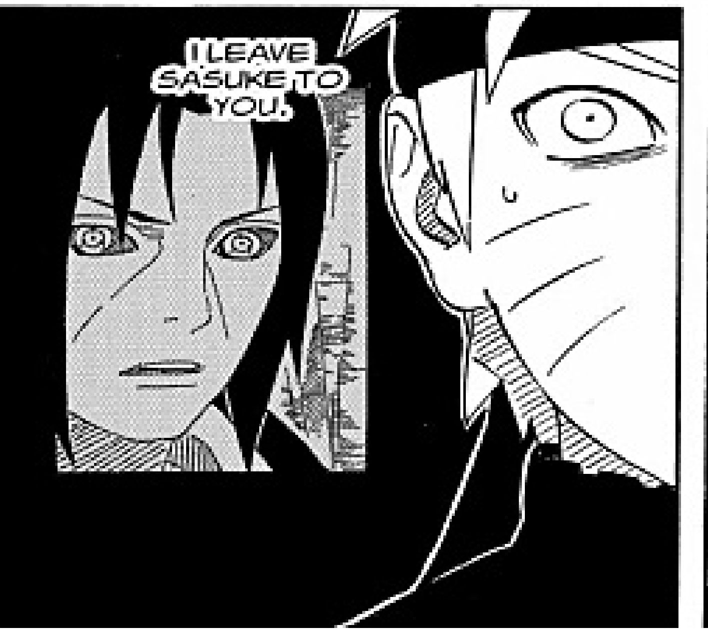

FABOOSH
CAW!
WHY?!
SHISUI'S EYE WON'T WORK FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS NOW.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAINST SASUKE.


BUT YOU POSSESS SOMETHING EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN HIS EYE. YOU HAVE ACCESS TO SHISUI'S SOUL.
AND THAT IS ACTUALLY WHAT HE REALLY WANTED TO PASS ON.
YOU DON'T NEED THE EYE ANY-MORE.


YOU CAN STOP SASUKE WITHOUT THE EYE.
BUT YOU CAN TALK TO SASUKE!
MAYBE THIS TIME...
NO...


...!
...


I TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING BY MYSELF TOO. I FAILED.
THIS TIME, I LEAVE THE TASK TO A FRIEND.


I LEAVE SASUKE TO YOU.


YOU'RE A BRILLIANT SHINOBI...
...NOT JUST ALL ABOUT POWER.
KILLER BEE. WATCH OVER NARUTO.
!
SHUP
FA SHO!
...
LET'S GO, OCTOPOPS!!
SWOO


READ THIS WAY

SWISH...
...
HEY, I TOLD YOU NOT TO ATTACK THIS ME!!
THIS ME IS A MIRAGE!


SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!


FIRST, YOU NEED TO DEFEAT MY GIANT CLAM!


FABOOM
THE CLAM'S CREATING THE MIRAGES?!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS, PEOPLE!!
TARGET IS THE GIANT CLAM!!
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
KABOOM
HUH?!


LIKE I SAID, HE'S HIDING SOME-WHERE BEHIND ME, USING THE MIRAGE AS A COVER!!
ALL RIGHT!! BUT WHERE IS THE REAL ONE, EH?!
NO! WILL YOU LISTEN?! I KEEP TELLING YOU!
THAT CLAM IS ALSO A MIRAGE, FOOLS!!
YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER THE REAL ONE!!!
IRK
SWISH
YAAH!! GAH!!
THD
GAH! I SAID IT'S NO USE ATTACKING THIS ME!!
ER, I WAS ACTUALLY AIMING AT THE CLAM BEHIND YOU.
ARGH, I'M SO CONFUSED!!


WIND STYLE!
CASTING NET!!
GOT HIM!!
SEALING CORPS, HURRY!!


READ THIS WAY
BEHIND YOU, TSUCHIKAGE!!
!
SHH
SHH
!!!
N-NOT NOW!!
GAK
UGH.
FSH
PARTICLE STYLE! ATOMIC DISMANTLING JUTSU!!
KWEE
!!
THAT'S ...?!
WHSSN


NARUTO


PLANET RASENGAN !!!
Number 553: The Battlefield!!
NARUTO ?!
OH NO!!
SWOOSH
LORD MU IS A SENSORY SHINOBI!


GAARA!! GIMME SOME SAND!!!
!!
Number 553: The Battlefield!!
FWP
BOOM
FSH
SHOOM


DODGE THIS... MY JUTSU IS FASTER THAN YOURS.
USING THE SAND AS A SPRING-BOARD FOR HIS COUNTERATTACK!
FASH
SWOOM
YAH !!
GOOD...!
!!
IT...!


D-
D-
D-
UNNH...
YAAH!!!
RASENGAN!!!


THIS IS A VIOLENTLY ROTATING...


THWAK
THDTHD THD THD THD THD THD THD
WUMP
EARTH STYLE! BOULDER JUTSU!!
WUMP
WUMP WUMP
THOOM

NOW YOU'RE SO HEAVY YOU CAN'T EVEN RAISE YOUR ARMS.

THOOOOOM

YOU USED TO HATE THE OTHER VILLAGES. NOW YOU WORK WITH THEM SO WELL.

OWW.

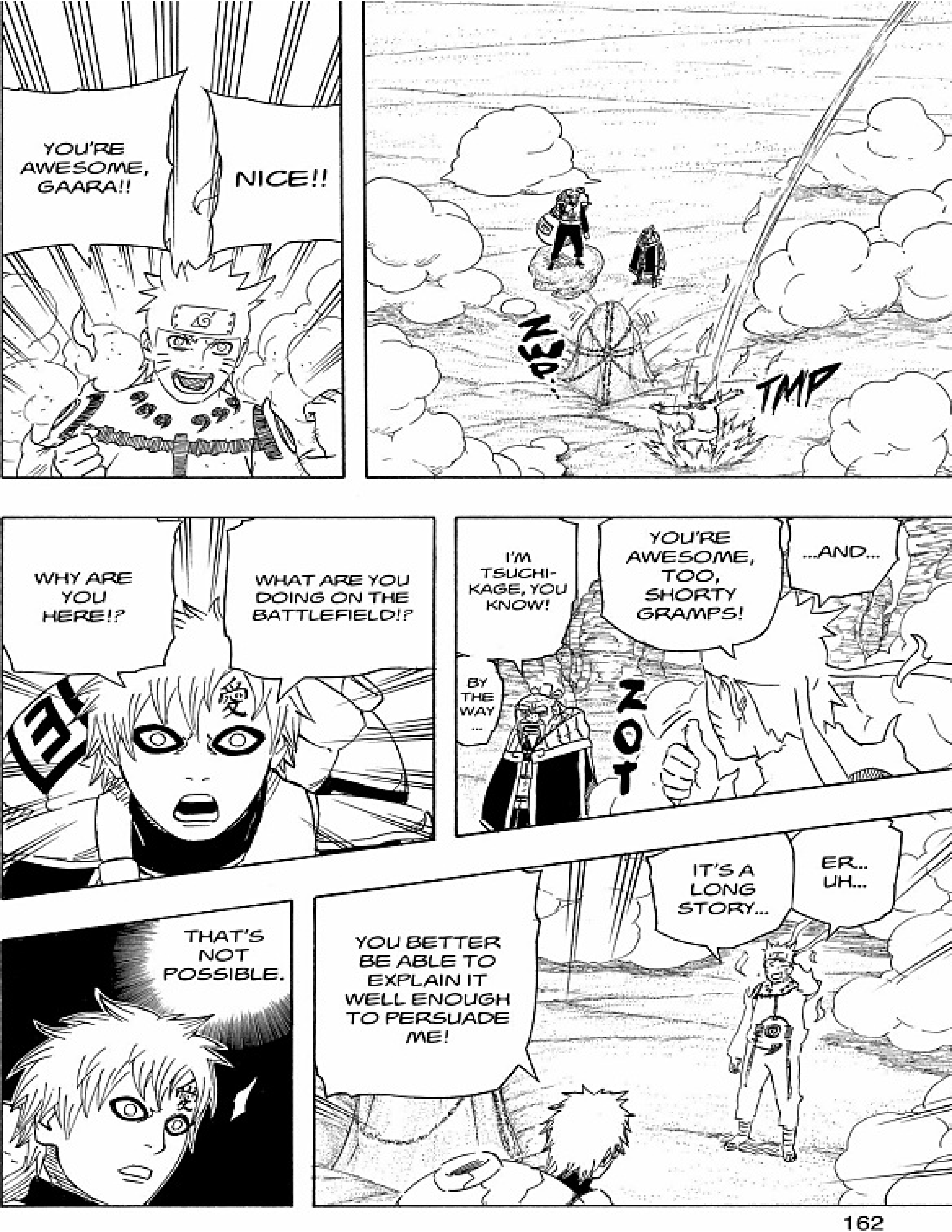
KRAK...

IT'S WORTH LIVING A LONG LIFE.

YOU CAN ENJOY CHANGE.

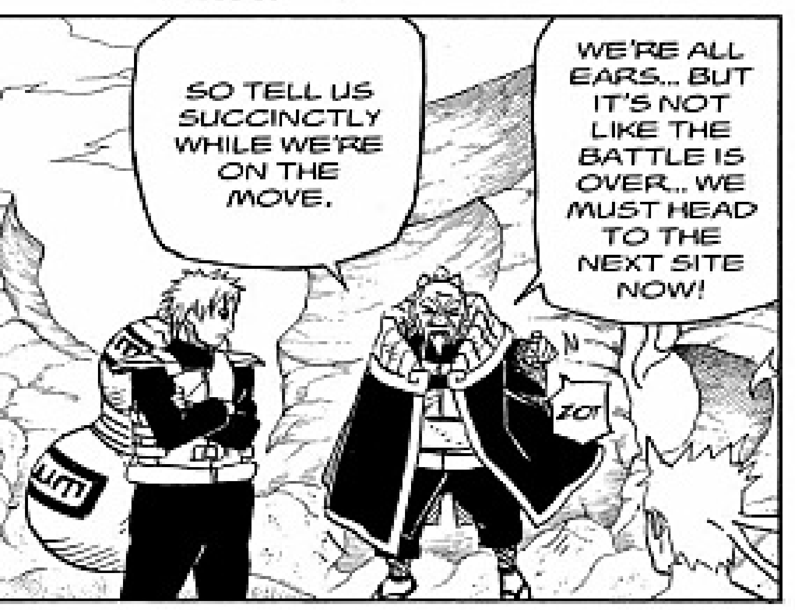


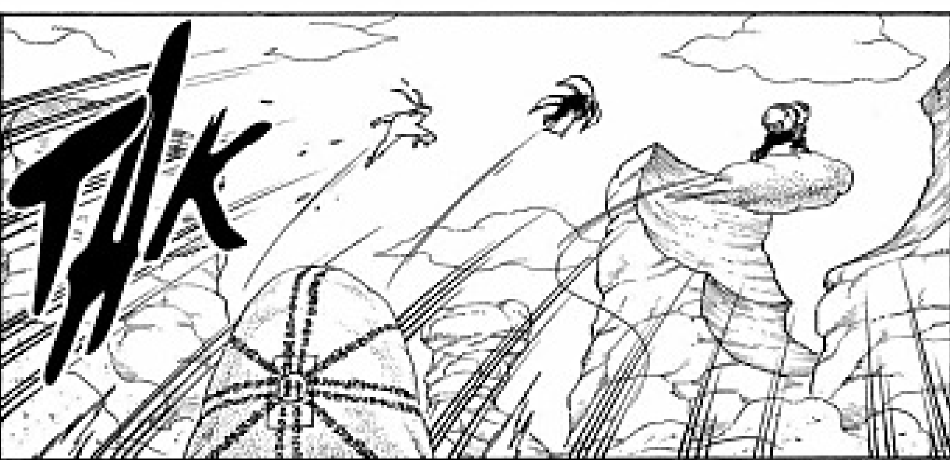


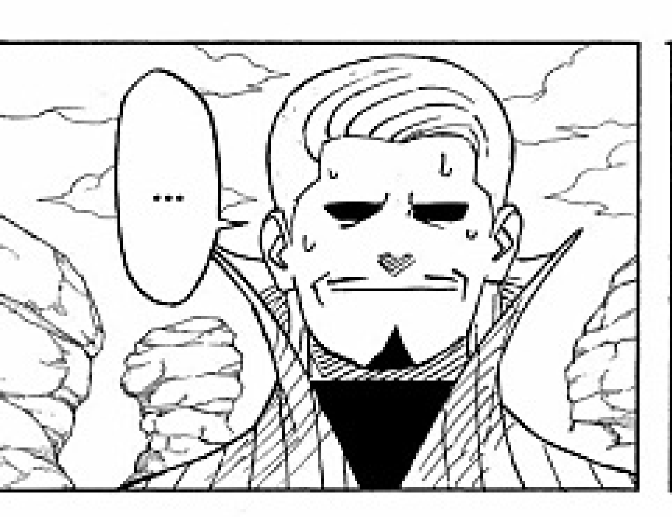

KWP...
TMP
NICE!!
YOU'RE AWESOME, GAARA!!
...AND...
YOU'RE AWESOME, TOO, SHORTY GRAMPS!
I'M TSUCHI-KAGE, YOU KNOW!
ZOT
BY THE WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE BATTLEFIELD!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
ER... UH...
IT'S A LONG STORY...
YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT WELL ENOUGH TO PERSUADE ME!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.


READ THIS WAY


THAT'S WHY I'LL DO THE TALKING. THIS IS NARA SHIKAKU AT HQ.
LORD TSUCHIKAGE, LORD KAZEKAGE, YOU WERE BOTH IN THE MIDST OF FIGHTING, SO I THOUGHT I'D SAVE THE COMPLICATED TALK FOR LATER.


WE'RE ALL EARS... BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THE BATTLE IS OVER... WE MUST HEAD TO THE NEXT SITE NOW!
ZOT
SO TELL US SUCCINCTLY WHILE WE'RE ON THE MOVE.


TAK

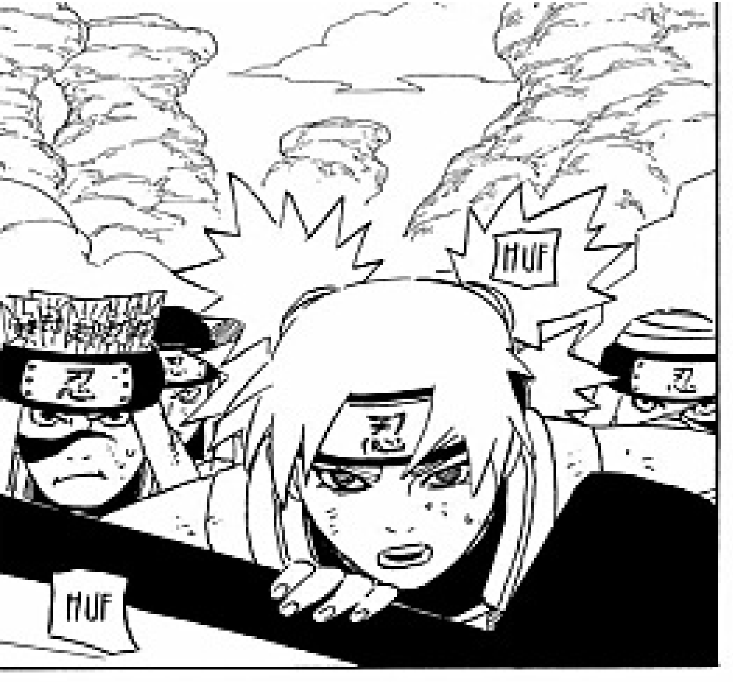

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YOU KNOW... I'M REALLY NOT TRYING TO WIN...
UNNH...
BUT... I GUESS... I'M TOO STRONG?
UNNH...
OWW...!!


WHOOOOO
I SEE...
...NARUTO... IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO GO TO EACH BATTLEFIELD AND IDENTIFY TRANSFORMED ENEMY...
BUT AS A FORMER JINCHŪRIKI, I KNOW...
THAT NINE TAILS CHAKRA... ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO USE IT SO HEAVILY?
...
...
I DON'T PLAN TO DIE UNTIL AFTER I BECOME HOKAGE.
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE KAZEKAGE ALREADY, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID.
...
I'LL GO TO THE RIGHT!
SO COULD YOU GO TO THE LEFT, GAARA AND TSUCHIKAGE GRAMPS?!


SCREECH




HUF
HUF


NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE ATTACK HIM, THERE'S NO EFFECT...!!
WE HAVEN'T INFLICTED ANY DAMAGE!!


FIZZ




OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO BATTER HIM WITH CONSECUTIVE, TOP-SPEED BLADE DANCE...!

!!

SHUP

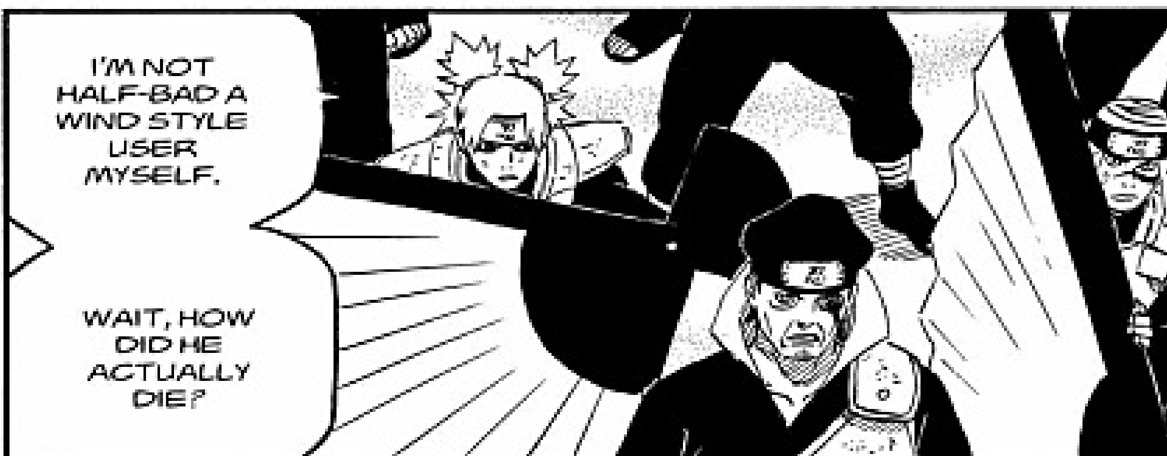
...IS THAT YOU, DODAI ...?

...YES...

EVEN GREATER THAN HIS SPEED AND POWER, LORD THIRD RAIKAGE WAS A SHINOBI BLESSED WITH EXTRAORDINARY PHYSICAL RESILIENCE...

AND EVEN WIND STYLE LONG-DISTANCE ATTACKS, THE ONLY THINGS THAT CAN REACH HIM, CANNOT DEAL HIM A DECISIVE BLOW.

...WE NEED AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL WIND STYLE USER.





IN ORDER TO LET HIS PEOPLE GET AWAY... HE USED HIMSELF AS A DECOY AND FACED 10,000 OF THE ENEMY ALONE.

TO BUY ENOUGH TIME, IT'S SAID HE LASTED FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.





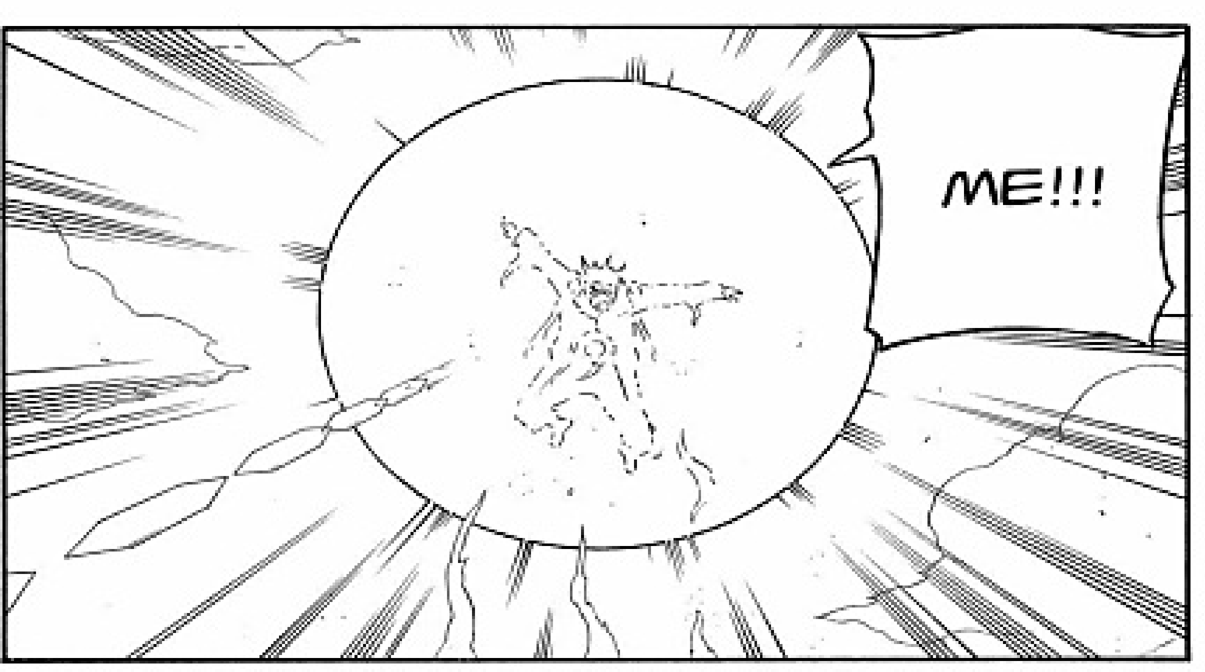




AH, YEAH THERE IS!!!
BOOM
!!!





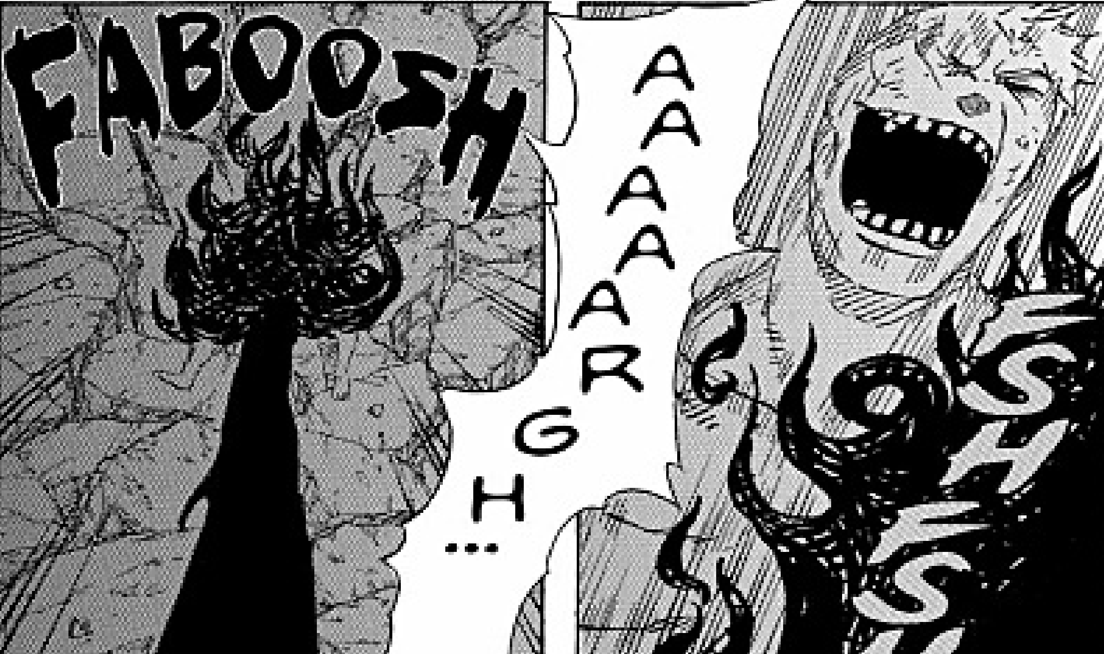



WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS?!!
STOP!!


G-G-G-

?!


G- G-
LET'S TEST THESE OUTSIDE, SHALL WE...


FABOOSH
AAAAARGH...


THESE EYES SEE THE DARKNESS... QUITE WELL...
FOOSH
BAM




NARUTO



Number 554: The Rasen-Shuriken Limit!!
WHEEN
BYON
WHAT?! NARUTO?!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE!?
BZZZ
THAT FEELS LIKE WIND STYLE JUTSU! IS IT A NEW RASENGAN?
IT JUST MIGHT WORK!!


VOOSH
SNIP
BZZZZ
!!
NO! IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!
THAT CLOAK OF LIGHTNING'S...
?!!
I KNOW ALREADY!! RAIKAGE ARE ALWAYS SUPER-FAST!
FOOSH
SWSH


THAT'S WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO!


HE DODGED IT AGAIN!!
OK! WHEN IT COMES BACK...
...?!!
IT'S GOTTA HIT!!


IT'S NO USE!
YOU GOTTA DISTRACT HIM TO HIT HIM!
THIS CLOSE UP...


THUD
VWOOSH









FWOOSH

FRRRL
PSSSH

WE STOPPED HIM!

YEAH!!

SHUP

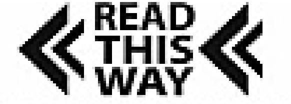
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N-NO WAY?!!

?!!



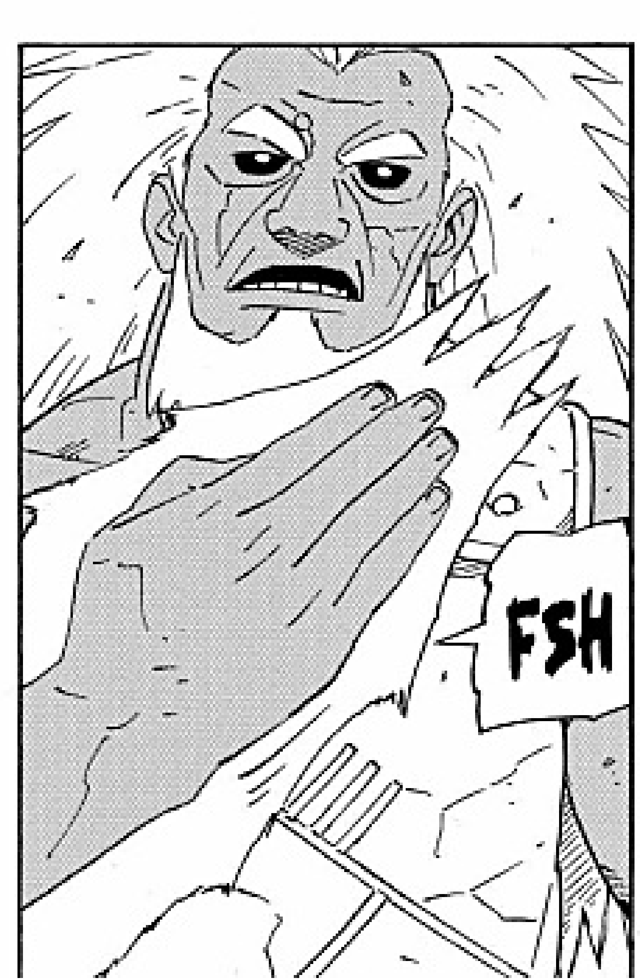


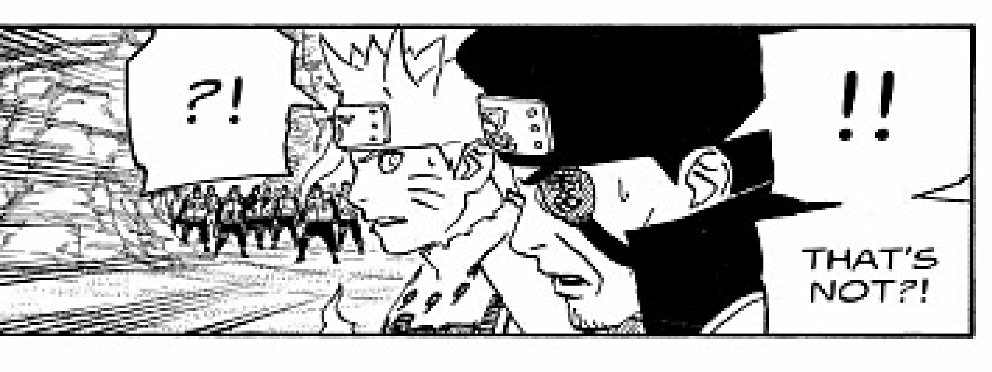

READ THIS WAY


BZZZT
PSSH...
GRRR...


NO WAY! RASEN-SHURIKEN DIDN'T WORK?!


THE LOOK IN LORD RAIKAGE'S EYES HAS CHANGED.
HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER.


FSH


!!
THAT'S NOT?!
?!


MOVE BACK FROM LORD RAIKAGE!!
EARTH STYLERS, GET A WALL UP!!


LINK UP!!
SHOOM
SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM
DISPERSE!!
THD THD
NARUTO!!
WAH!!
THD THD THD THD
TAK


GGGG
WHAM
OW!
LAVA STYLE! RUBBER WALL!!
BAM
BAM
BYON

G-G-G-G-G

IT'S THE THIRD LORD'S MOST POWERFUL NINJUTSU!!

WHA?!

IT COMPLEMENTS LIGHTNING STYLE PERFECTLY.

HE POOLS LIGHTNING CHAKRA INTO HIS FINGERTIPS!

...

THE PIERCING FOUR-FINGERED THRUST OF HELL!

THK

AND SASUKE'S CHIDORI...

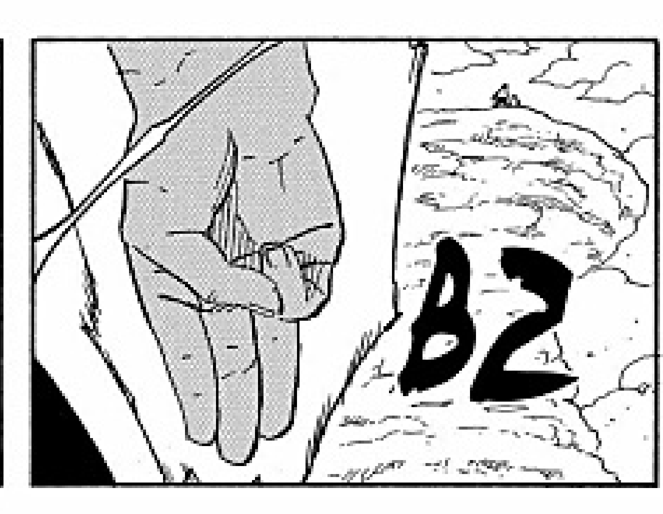
JUST LIKE MASTER KAKASHI'S LIGHTNING BLADE...



BYOOM
EVERYONE, GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!!
NO!! SINCE WE KNOW WHERE HE'LL COME THROUGH, WE SHOULD ALL FOCUS ON THAT ONE PLACE TOGETHER!!
EN GARDE, Y'ALL!!
TAK
STOP IT!! LISTEN TO THE CLOUD SHINOBI!!
SSH
UNH!
TAK
BOOOM
VWOO

WHAM
TAK
AARGH!
TAK
BOOM
URG!!
NO!!
...
FOOLS!
!!
BAM
BAM
ARGH!
BOM
WHAM
...!


READ THIS WAY


B2

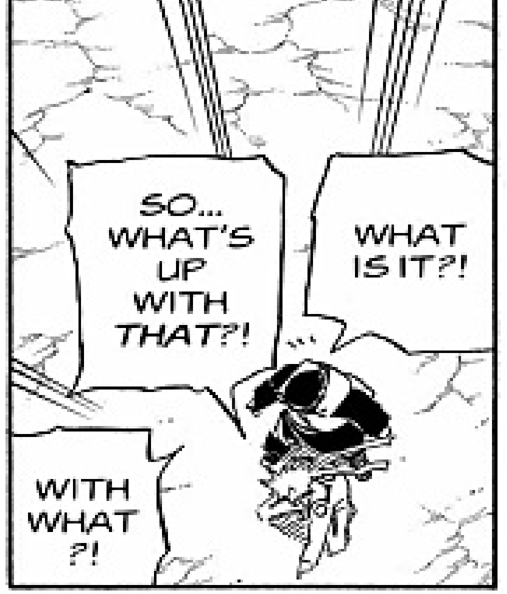

HE'S SWITCHED TO THE THREE-FINGERED ASSAULT!
WHAT IS IT WITH THAT JUTSU? IT'S WAY TOO STRONG!
HE KNOCKED ALL THOSE NINJA OUT AT ONCE!


THE FEWER FINGERS HE USES, THE MORE FOCUSED THE ENERGY, AND THUS THE THRUST OF HELL GETS MORE POWERFUL!
IT'S THE THIRD LORD'S INVINCIBLE SPEAR!


AND HE CAN HANDLE IT.
HE'S IMPENE-TRABLE.


IS HE EVEN HUMAN?
IT IS SAID HE IS THE ONLY SHINOBI TO HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH A BIJU UNARMORED AND UNARMED.
...
W-WOW... RAIKAGE ARE AWESOME.


THAT... THERE...


SO... WHAT'S UP WITH *THAT*?!
WHAT IS IT?!
WITH WHAT ?!


HMM ?!!
...!


IF HE'S IMPENETRABLE, HOW'D HE GET THAT?!
THE SCAR ON HIS CHEST...!


THE SCAR.
THE THIRD LORD ONCE TRIED TO STOP EIGHT TAILS ON HIS OWN.
THAT'S HOW HE GOT THE SCAR.


ESPECIALLY WHEN EVEN THE RASEN-SHURIKEN DOESN'T AFFECT HIM!!

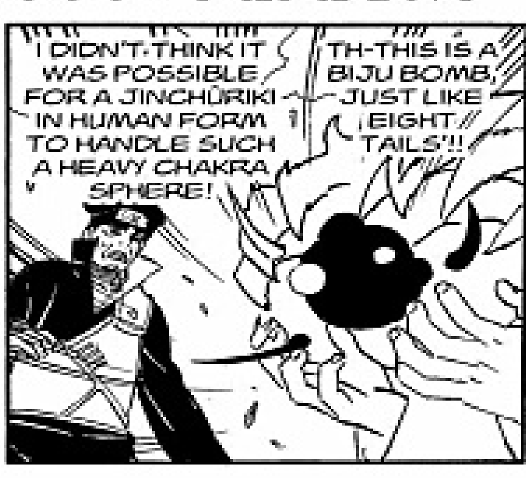


SO THAT'S FROM EIGHT TAILS?
SHUP
HE WOULD ONLY EVER SAY IT WAS THE MOST SHAMEFUL MOMENT OF HIS LIFE.
BUT NOT EVEN THE FOURTH LORD KNOWS THE DETAILS.
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FWP
SPEAKING OF EIGHT TAILS...
BIJU BOMB !!
REEEEE

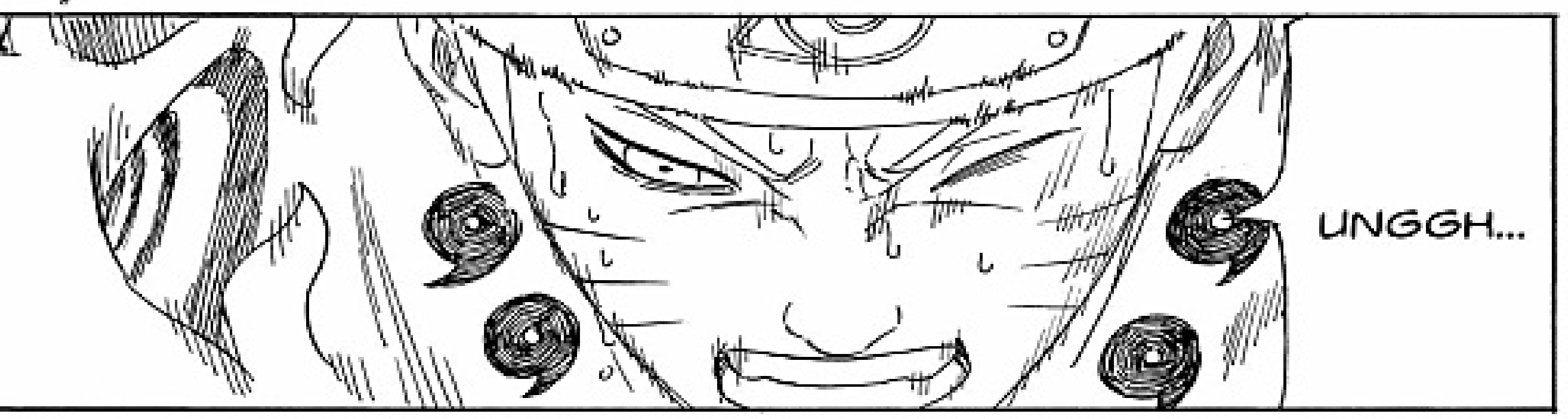

NARUTO

Number 555: Paradox









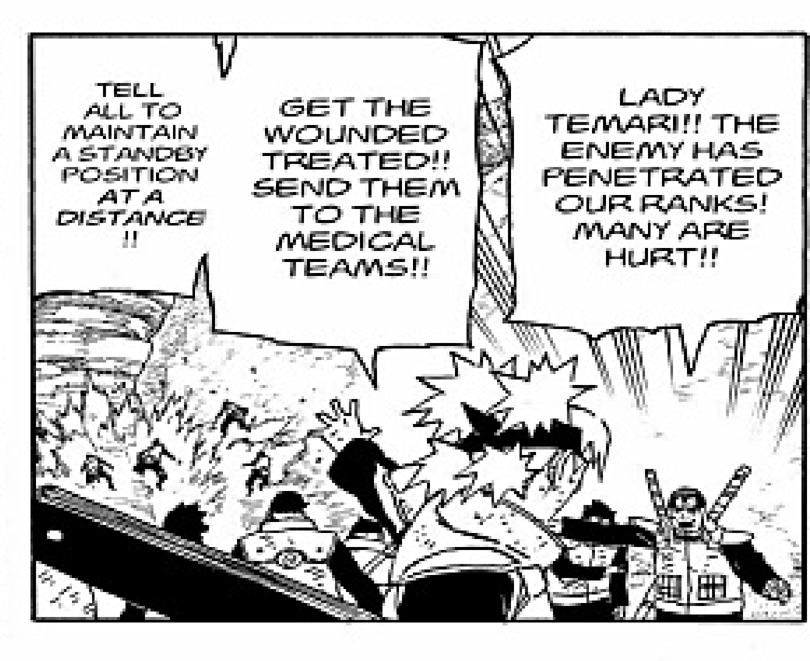
AARGH!!!

WHAK

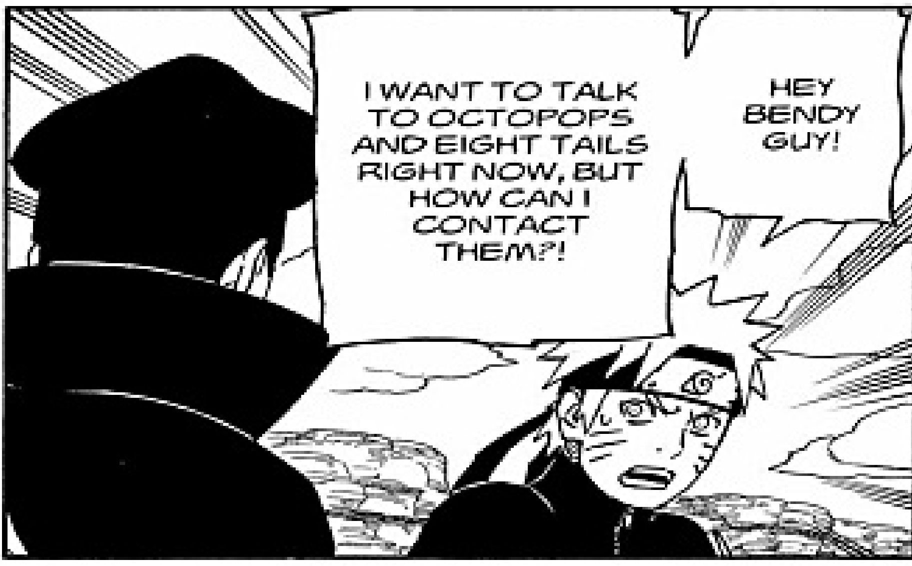


KRA-KAT
WAH!!
Number 555: Paradox
...IT ISN'T POSSIBLE...!!
AS I SUSPECTED.
UNH!
FZZZZ...
I CAN'T DO IT YET!
HUH?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
HIS CHAKRA CLOAK HAS DISSIPATED! HE CAN'T DO IT!











...YOU'RE IN LUCK.

HUH?!

I'M A COMM CORPS SHINOBI.

YEAH!!

NARUTO!! WATCH OUT!!

!!
WAAH!!
!!
KLENCH

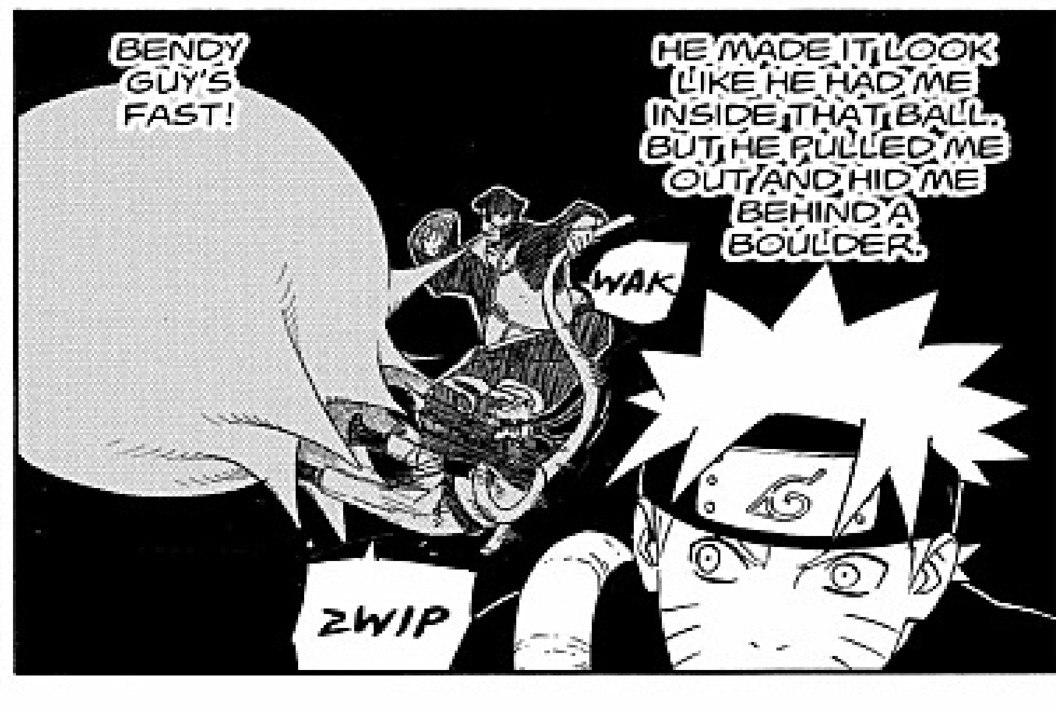

HOOOOSH


HE'S GOING TO JUST KNOCK US OUT!
HE WITHDREW HIS THREE-FINGERED ASSAULT!

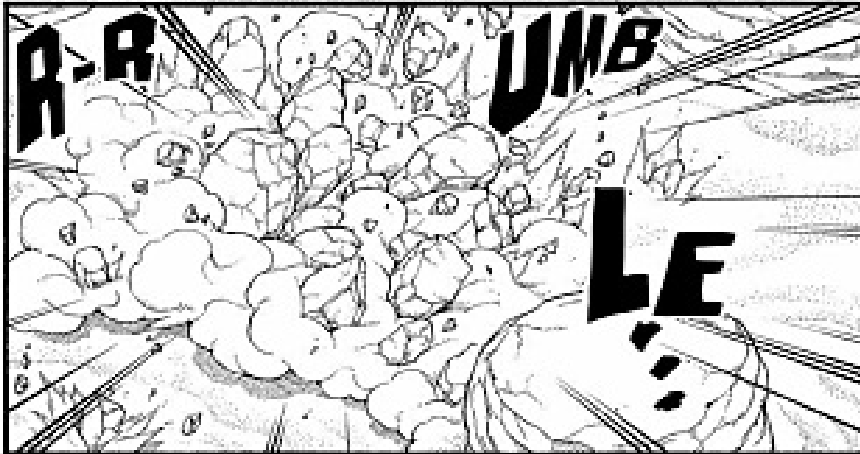

LAVA STYLE! RUBBER SPHERE!!
FOOOWH
DOOOM
SPROING
!!
TAK
FSH
!!
YOU'RE LORD DODAI OF KUMOGAKURE! WHAT DO YOU NEED?
NARUTO WISHES TO SPEAK TO BEE AND EIGHT TAILS. CAN YOU ARRANGE?

WHILE THE THIRD RAIKAGE IS CHASING AFTER THE DUMMY RUBBER BALL!

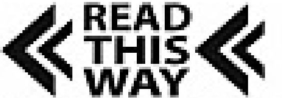
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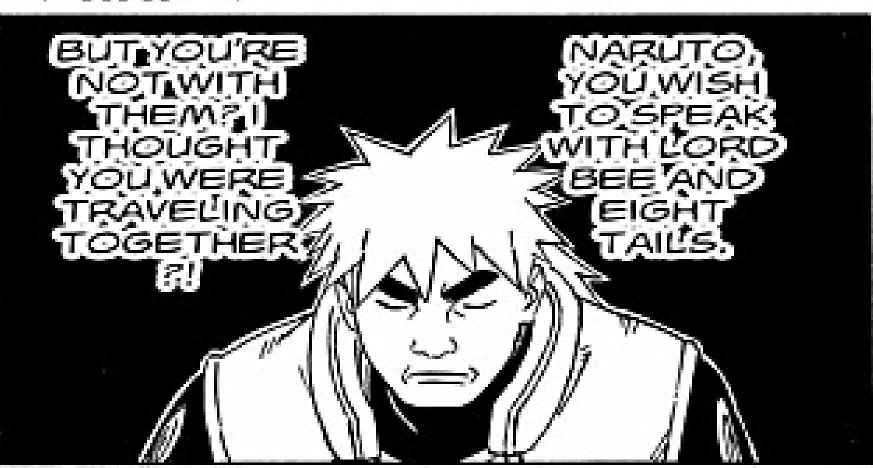




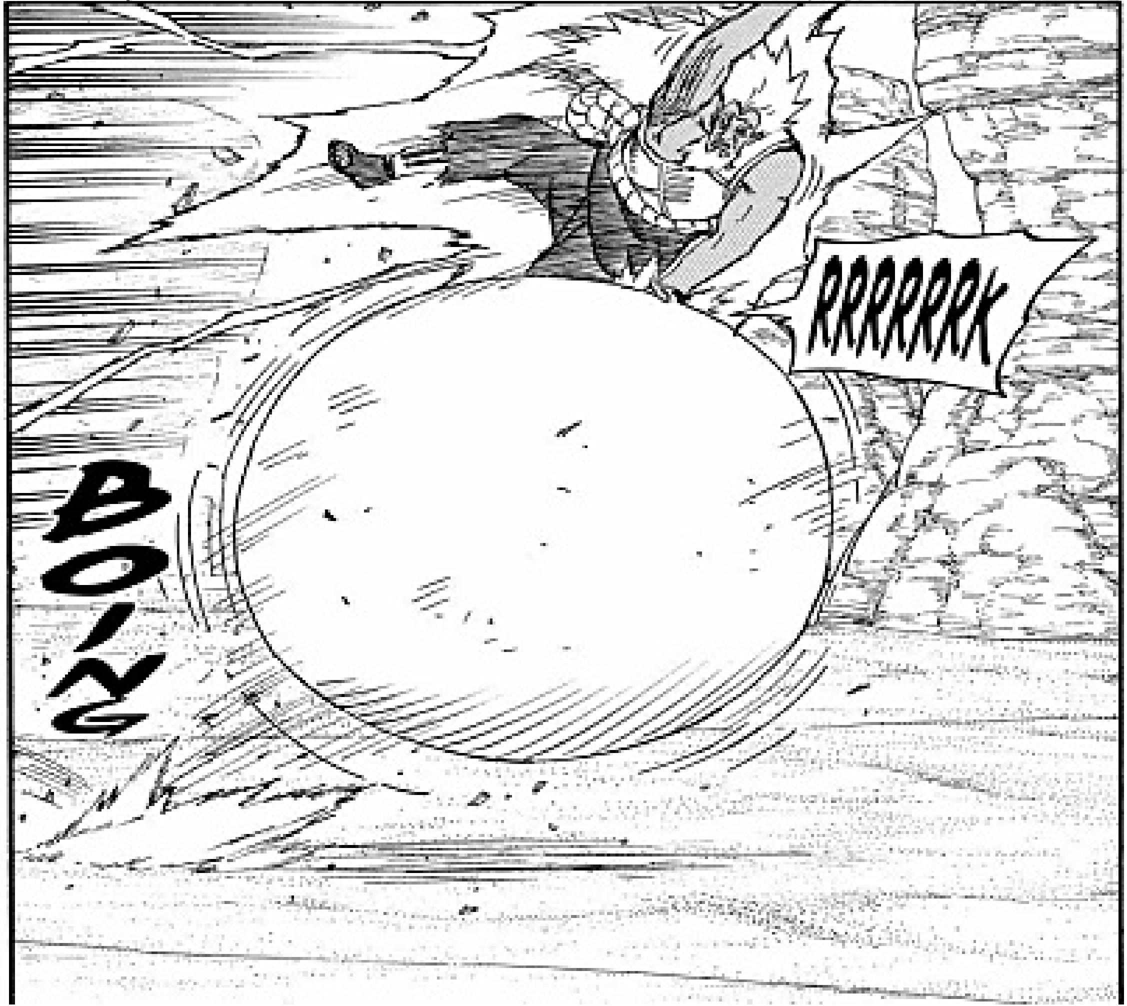



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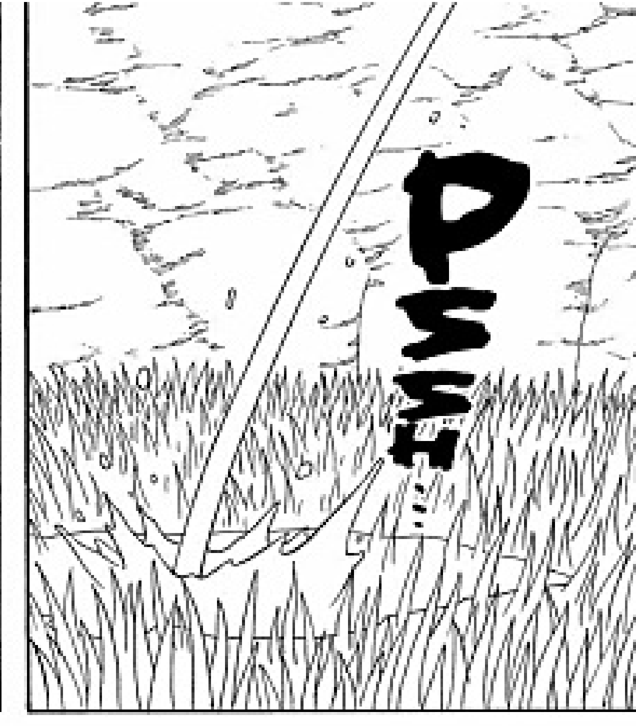

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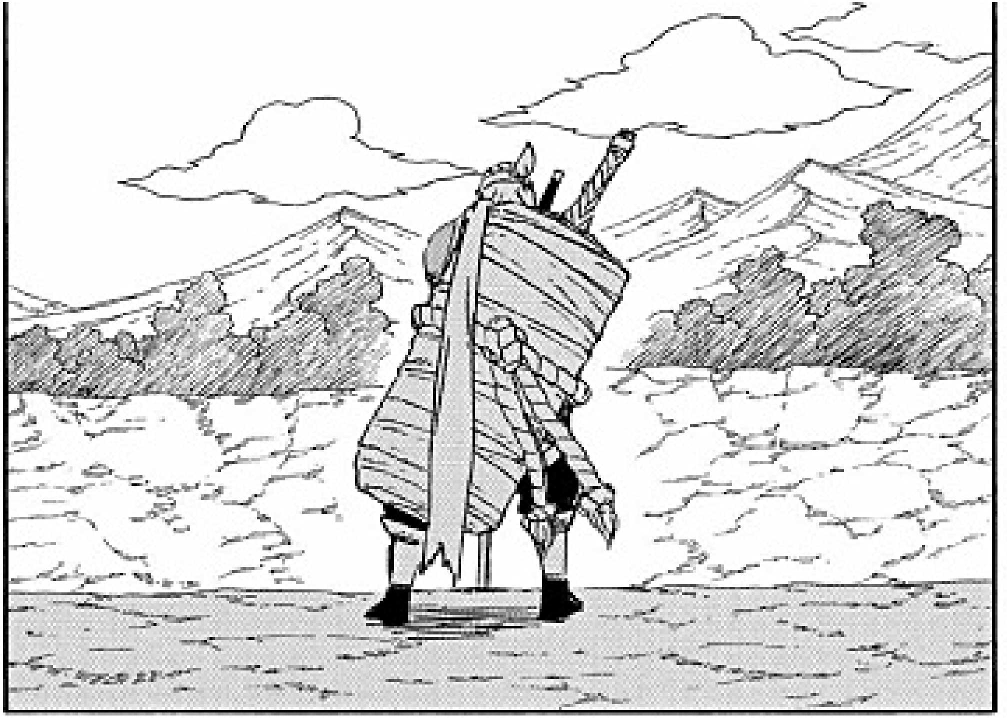

NARUTO, YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH LORD BEE AND EIGHT TAILS.
BUT YOU'RE NOT WITH THEM?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER ?!


I'M NOT RIGHT NOW... PLUS... NEVER MIND. JUST GET ME IN TOUCH WITH THEM SUPER FAST!
I DON'T HAVE TIME!


RRRRRRK
BOING


BWMMM

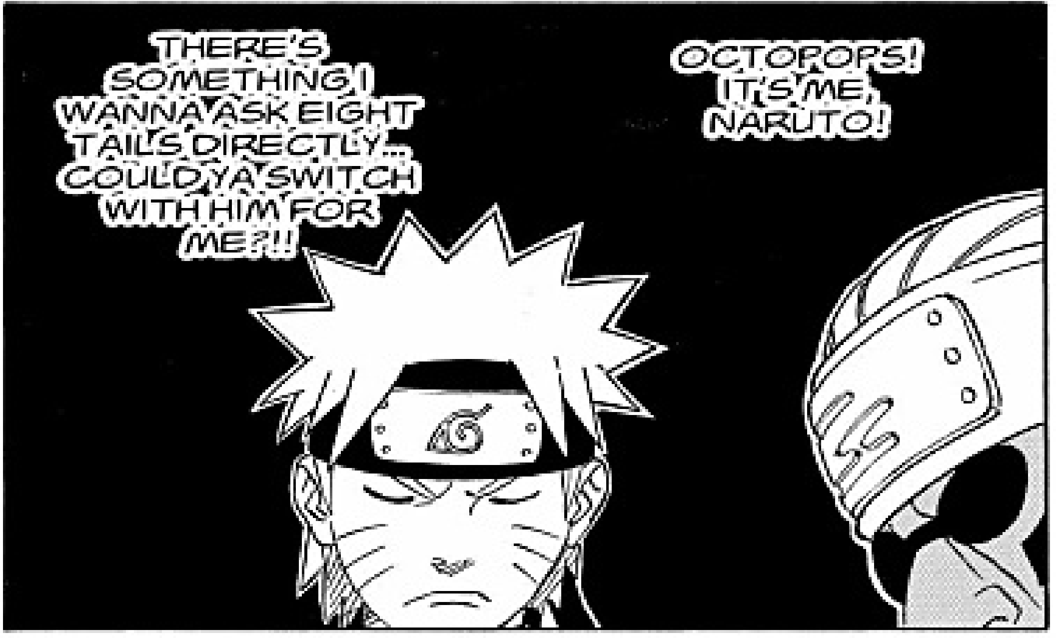

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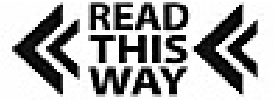


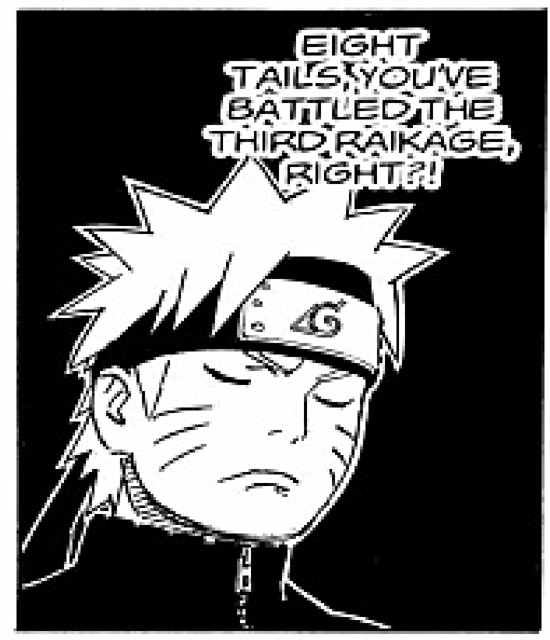

NARUTO'S GONE ON AHEAD!!
HURRY UP AND FINISH YOUR BUSINESS!!
IT'S TAKING FOREVER!!

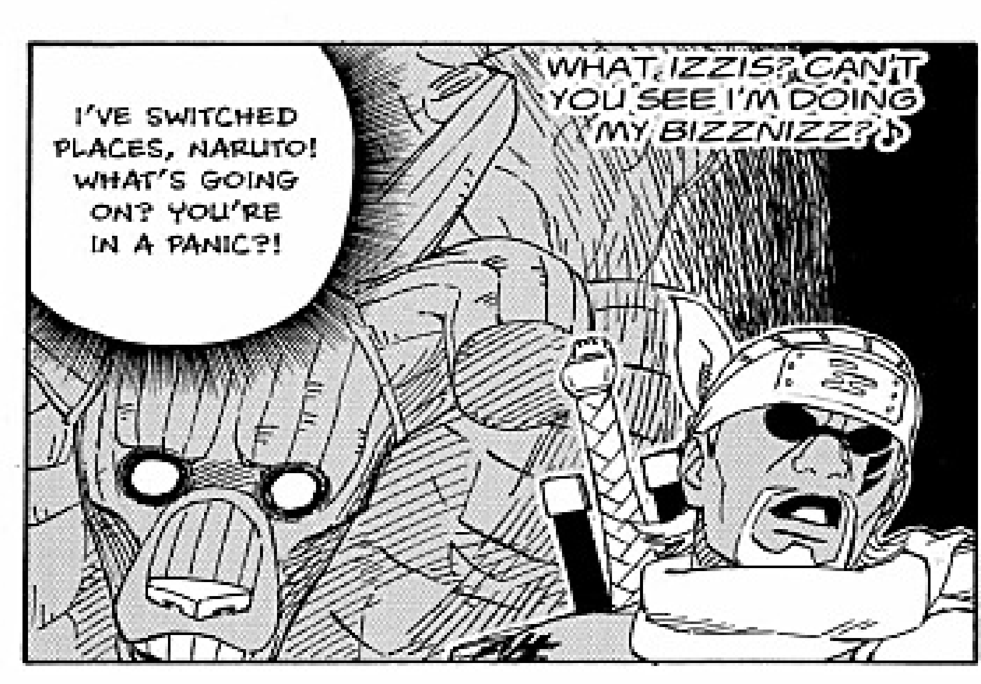

CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO PEE ♪

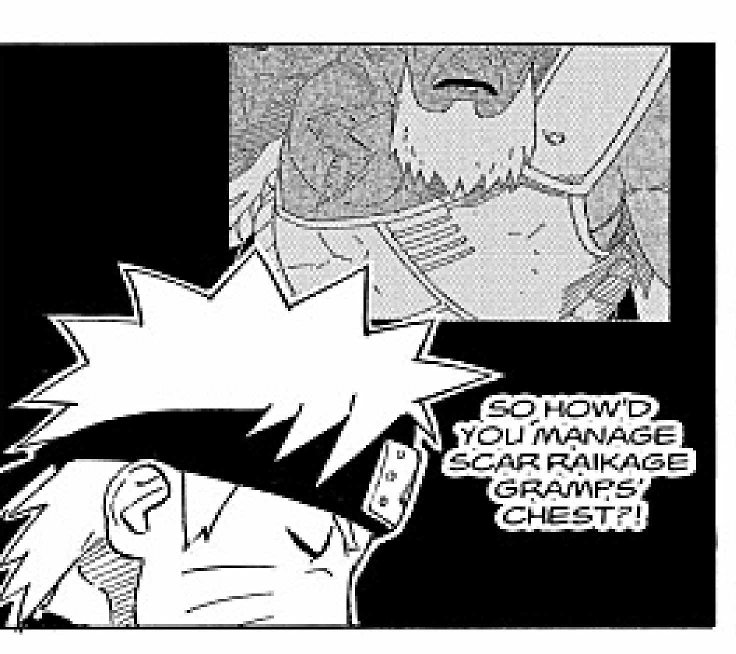

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URK


OCTOPOPS! IT'S ME, NARUTO!
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA ASK EIGHT TAILS DIRECTLY... COULD YA SWITCH WITH HIM FOR ME?!!


READ
THIS
WAY

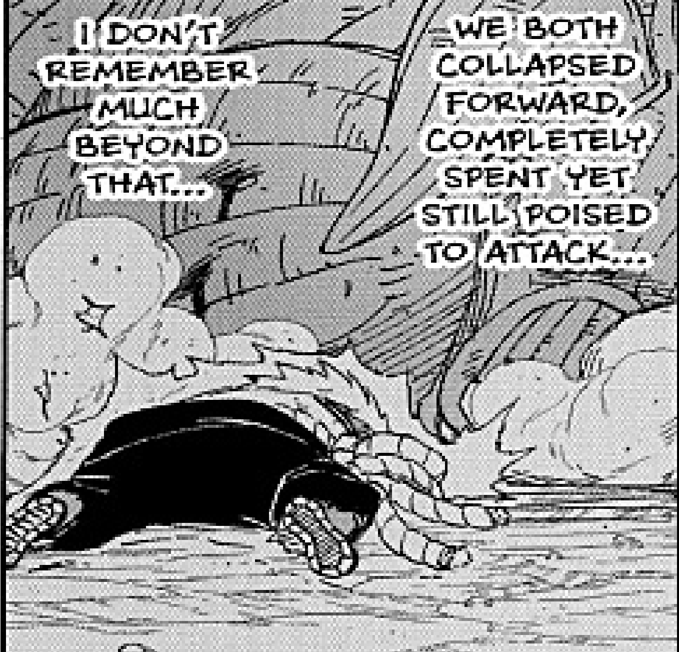

EIGHT TAILS, YOU'VE BATTLED THE THIRD RAIKAGE, RIGHT?!


WHAT, IZZIS? CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DOING MY BIZZNIZZ?♪
I'VE SWITCHED PLACES, NARUTO! WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE IN A PANIC?!

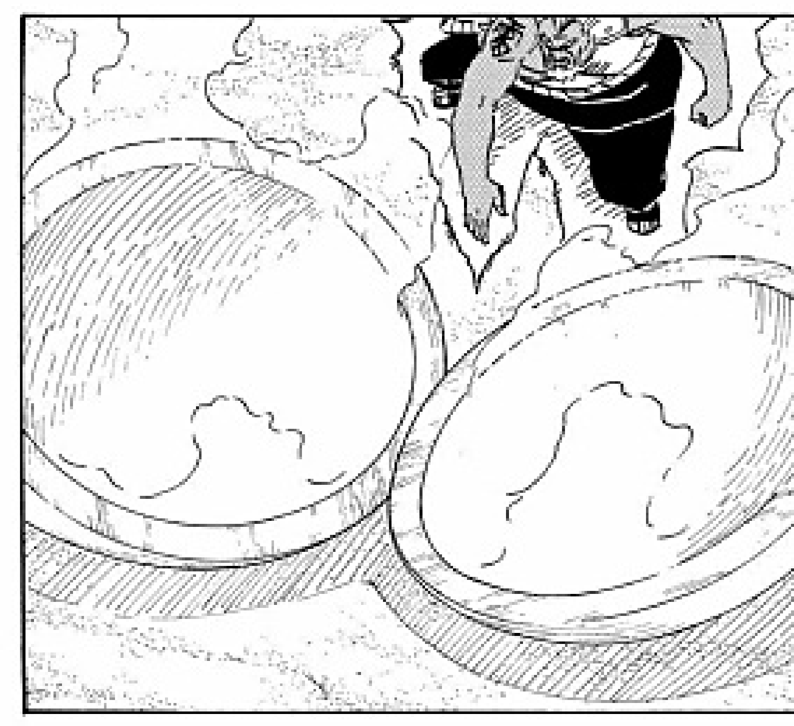

SO HOW'D YOU MANAGE SCAR RAIKAGE GRAMPS' CHEST?!


YEAH... A REAL LONG TIME AGO. HE WAS ONE SUPER-RESILIENT, TOUGH HUMAN!
...HE ONCE EVEN CHOPPED OFF ALL OF MY TAILS WITH HIS ONE-FINGERED ASSAULT MOVE...

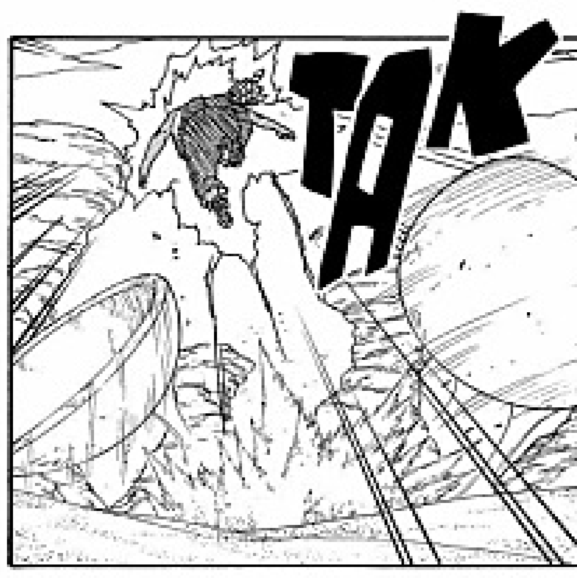

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...WE BOTH COLLAPSED FORWARD, COMPLETELY SPENT YET STILL POISED TO ATTACK...
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH BEYOND THAT...


HUH?!
...WITH MY BIJU BOMB, I THINK?
HMM... OR MAYBE?



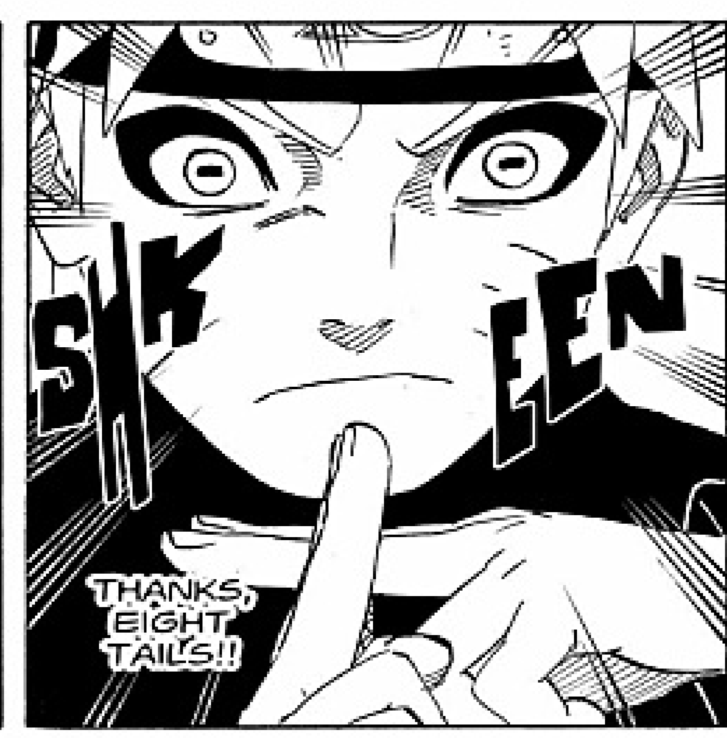

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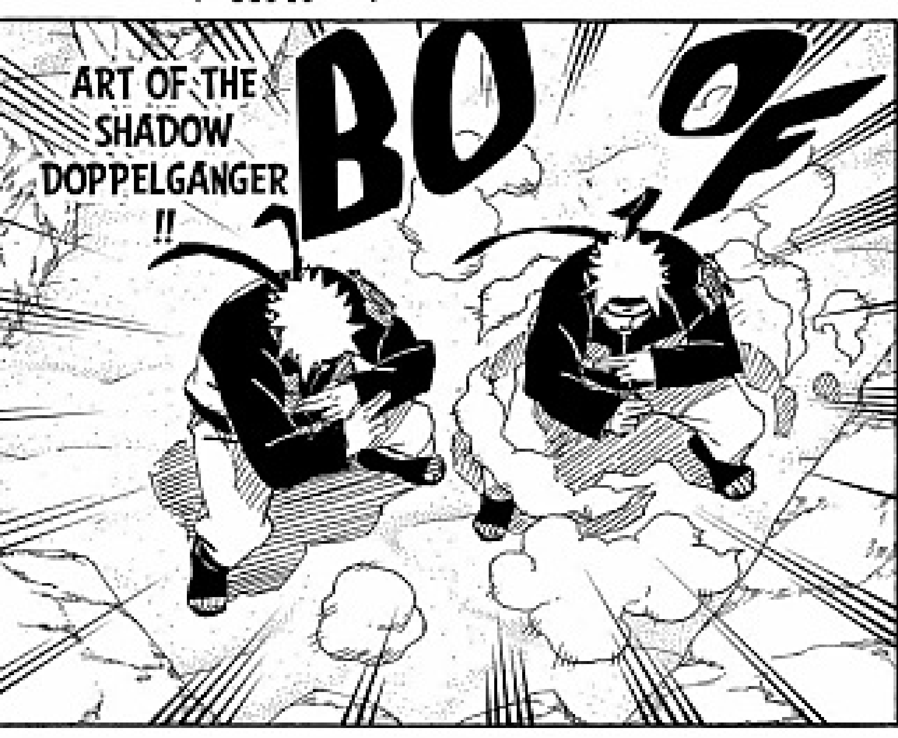

TAK


...
...COULD IT BE...?


SWOO...
SWOO...







HUH?! ...THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE?!

RAIKAGE GRAMPS IS HEADED HERE... STAY OUT OF THE WAY, BENDY GUY!

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA TRY...

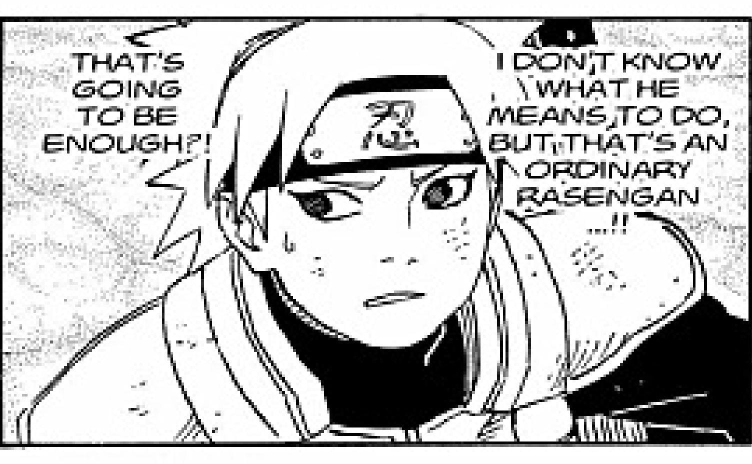


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TMP

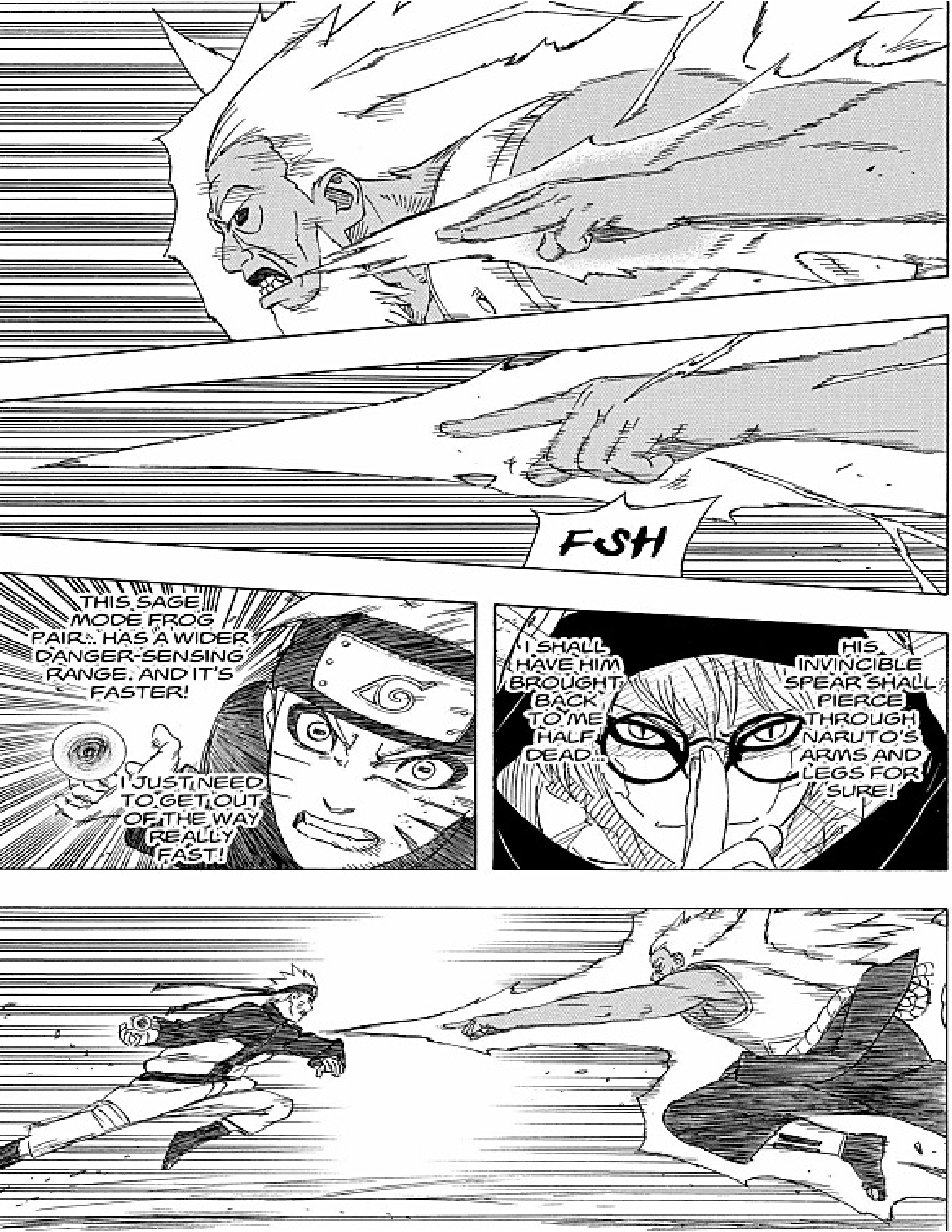
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VWEEEN
FWP
RASENGAN!!
FWP







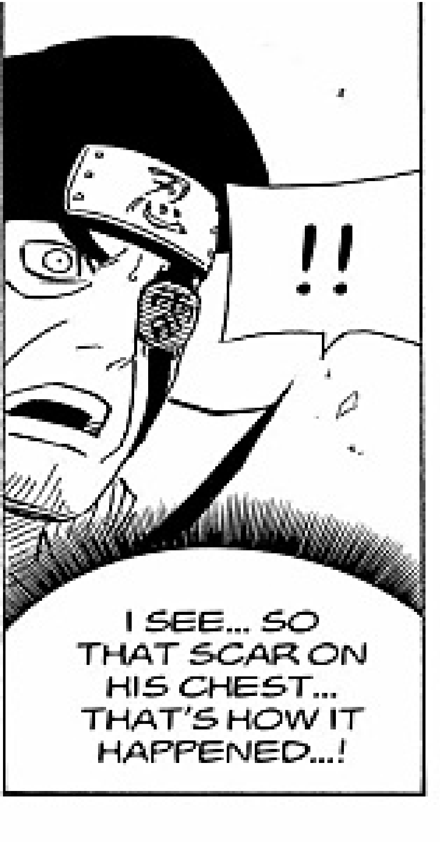

FSH
HIS INVINCIBLE SPEAR SHALL PIERCE THROUGH NARUTO'S ARMS AND LEGS FOR SURE!
I SHALL HAVE HIM BROUGHT BACK TO ME HALF DEAD...
THIS SAGE MODE FROG PAIR... HAS A WIDER DANGER-SENSING RANGE, AND IT'S FASTER!
I JUST NEED TO GET OUT OF THE WAY REALLY FAST!


WHAM

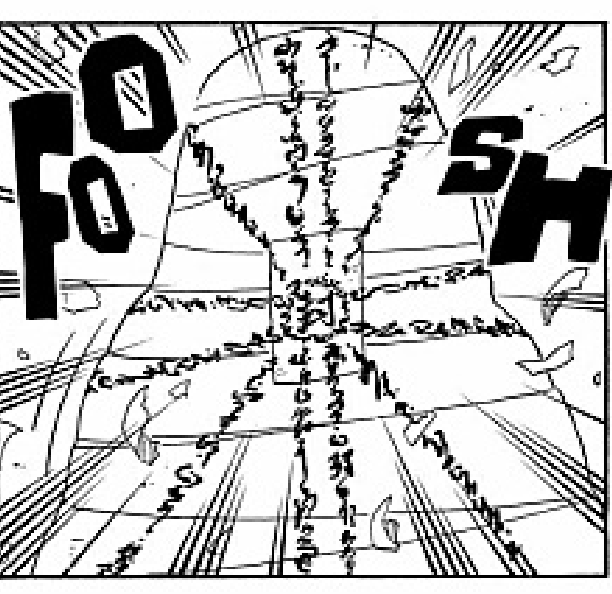

GOTTA HIT HIS ARM!!


FWP FWP


IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!!


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I SEE... SO THAT SCAR ON HIS CHEST... THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED...!

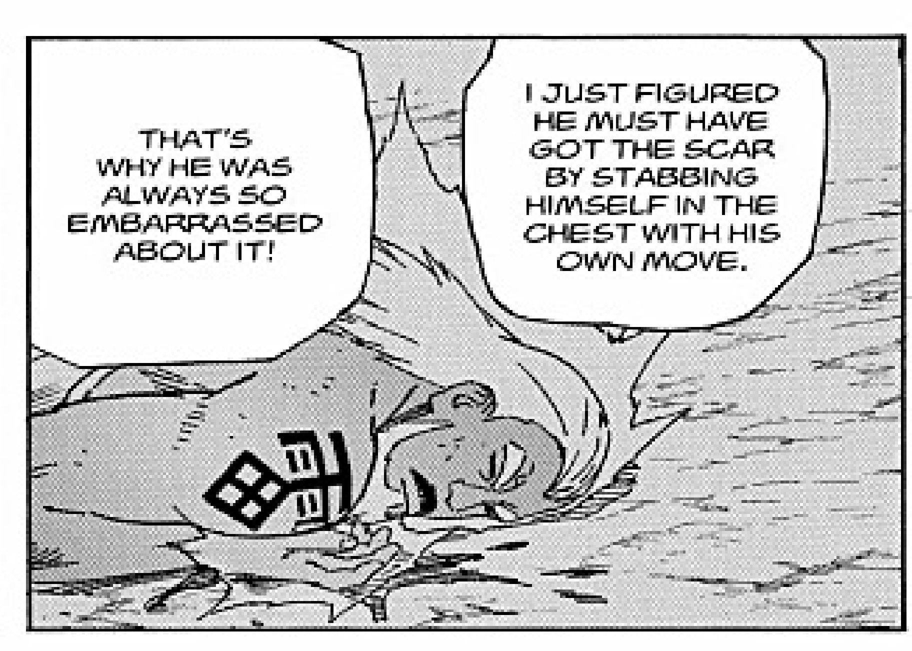

WHIIIIIRRRRR


FOOOSH


ALL RIGHT!! NICE WORK, NARUTO!!
YEAH!
BAM


GOOD CATCH...!
BOOM
EIGHT TAILS TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE FOUGHT THE THIRD RAIKAGE...
THEY BOTH FELL FORWARD READY TO ATTACK...











IS THAT ALL YOU GOT...?

HUF

HUF

FOOSH

FOOSH

TO BE CONTINUED IN *NARUTO* VOLUME 59!!